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The Apotheosis of Editha

(WINNER OF SECOND PRIZE IN OUR SHORT STORY CONTEST)

A Story in Seven Chapters By Susie Bouchelle Wright

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Miss Sally VanBrunt, an aristocratic Southern lady who has always compelled everything to bend to her strong will, is quite overwhelmed on learning that her pretty niece, Editha, is engaged to marry George Collier, a worthy young man who is bound to make his way in the world but whose father had been an overseer to the girl's grandfather, and whose mother was addicted to smoking a pipe. Not being able to induce her niece to give up George Collier, Miss Sally decides to accept an invitation for herself and niece to spend the winter in the city of Oldenburg, in the hope that Editha will meet some one more suitable in point of wealth and social position. Miss Sally mortgages the family estate to obtain money which she spends in fine clothes for Editha. The latter is charmed with the beautiful clothes and the family jewels, now, for the first time, shown her, but leaves home firm in her determination to remain loyal to her lover.

CHAPTER III.

George had spoken truly when he told Editha that he thought it best for her to see more of the world, before becoming irrevocably bound to him. It was a part of his dogged intent upward, that he would accept nothing which did not come to him in perfect fairness, and ignoring the old saying that "all is fair in love and war," he made no exception in this case which was both love and war. Although he loved the girl, as strong men are wont to love small women with a liberal streak of lightness in them, and although he realized that his hold over her was in his self confidence, he scorned to take advantage of it, by either insisting on marriage now or later, unless he could feel entirely sure that she came to him without reserve. He made small account of the social difference between her family and his, although he fully recognized it. It was only one more barrier to overcome, when overcoming—fighting up, was the very life of him, so bravely did he look life in the face and dare it.

When she went away, he set aside as a momentary weakness his heart's unreasoning cry for his love, but because she represented in one small bundle all the tenderer side of his nature, the process was painful, and he did not deny himself such alleviations as were within his reach. He subscribed for every daily paper in Oldenburg, and found time and place in which to pore industriously over the society columns. His heart jumped into his mouth in a most unseemly way, when he first found her name there, a mere mention of her presence at a dance, but he soon became used to seeing it, for it was there daily in one way or another. "The charming Miss Van Brunt" they called her, and he who had never given two thoughts to frills and flounces, read conscientiously through the descriptions of her toilets, and smiled at the mention of her jewels, for she had told him of them in her girlish pride, that morning at the depot.

If it had not been for the papers he must need have gone hungry for news of her, for her letters were few and short, and confined chiefly to earnest assurances that she was quite unchanged, and that all men beside were to her but as shadows.

The truth was that Editha was dazzled by it all, the admiration, the gayety, and the attentions showered upon her own small self, and that head which she flattered herself was so firmly set, was in a fair way of being turned. She would scarcely admit it to herself, but she had fallen into a habit of comparing this small way of George's, and that one, with the elegance of this man of the world, or the other, concluding the mental operation by declaring angrily to herself that he was worth a dozen of the men who seemed to outshine him. When she had been unusually disloyal, she flew to her desk and wrote those positive assur-

ances of her fidelity, and then for a brief season annoyed Miss Sally almost beyond endurance with extravagant praises of George. The spasm over, she turned back to her enjoyments with more zest than ever, and poor George at home, gave a liberal translation to the liberal spaces between the lines, and realized that Miss Sally had acted with great wisdom according to her point of view.

When spring time came he was scarcely surprised to hear that Willow-wood was still to stand vacant, but he opened his eyes when he saw the great front door placarded, "For Sale."

He went directly to Mr. Alcott to ask what it meant.

"Why, my dear boy," the old man replied, "it means exactly what it says that Willow-wood is for sale."

"Of course—but in the name of common sense—why? Is Miss VanBrunt embarrassed?"

Mr. Alcott stiffened up. "Surely you do not expect me to discuss the private affairs of my clients with you! Do you contemplate purchasing Willow-wood? If so I may as well tell you, that I have already made disposal of it."

He was an old man, so fat and red of face that it was hard to think there was any sentiment left in him, but there was plenty of it, and in spite of his crustiness, he was sincerely sorry for the young fellow, whose miserable face told a story of its own.

"No, I did not think of buying it, George answered sadly, disregarding the manner of the older man, and then because he had not "talked back," Mr. Alcott vouchsafed an opinion.

"George," he said, "I am afraid Miss Sally is a little touched in the upper story, for she certainly has been acting recklessly lately, and she never did a reckless thing in her life before, but my orders were to sell the place, and so I had to let it go."

Mr. Alcott paused, and examined his finger nails with careful scrutiny before he proceeded.

December.

Nay, no closed doors for me,
But open doors and open hearts and glee,
To welcome young and old.

Dimmest and brightest month am I;
My short days end, my lengthening days begin;
What matters more or less seen in the sky,
When all is seen within?

Ivy and privet dark as night,
I weave with hips and haws a cheerful show,
And holly for a beauty and delight,
And milky mistletoe.

While high above them all I set
Yew twigs and Christmas roses pure and pale:
Then spring her snowdrop and her violet,
May keep so sweet and frail;

May keep each merry, singing bird,
Of all her happy birds that singing build:
For I've a carol which some shepherds heard
Once in a wintry field.

—Christina G. Rossetti.

"I think, George, if I were you, I'd go right to Oldenburg, and bring Editha back bodily. You are leaving her at a disadvantage off there, with every influence against you. She is very young and inexperienced, and you ought not to expect her to make up her mind all at once, when Miss Sally has been making up the minds of the entire household, since long before Editha was born. I say go and bring her back bodily, if you ever expect to get her at all."

George had listened with paling face, and it was now his time to stiffen in his demeanor. Editha had spoken truly when she had said that his pride was more than that of the VanBrunts.

"It seems to me that you are taking a great deal for granted," he flashed out, "but even if it were possible to bring Editha back bodily, as you suggest, with such chivalry, I would not want her—I would not have her, unless she had the strength of character, and cared enough for me to withstand the temptations of a silly society life, and all the manoeuvres of that old—"

Mr. Alcott rose. He had no intention of hearing Miss Sally spoken of with disrespect, whatever he might choose to say of her, himself.

"I am very much engaged," he said coldly, "if your business with me is concluded, I have the honor to bid you good morning!"

The blood rushed back to George's face, but he took his dismissal as haughtily as it had been given, and bowing left the office.

That day, the longed-for appointment came, but he felt no throb of pleasure, only a miserable doubt, so he took the first train for Oldenburg, determined to set the matter at rest in one way or another.

CHAPTER IV.

It was already evening when he found himself in the reception room at Judge Whitby's. He had forgotten that Miss Sally was the Miss VanBrunt, so he asked for Editha by that name, and sat waiting. At the sound of skirts he turned to face Miss Sally, who straighter than ever, and more dignified, stood before him, with her long train of soft black silk lying in a graceful heap at her feet, rich lace over her shoulders, and a tiny dainty cap of it over the iron grey curls.

"Well Dr. Collier!" she cried pleasantly, "This is indeed unexpected!" She did not offer to shake hands, but seated herself, and motioned him to resume his chair.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" she inquired blandly, in exactly the tone she would have used to a servant.

"You may send Editha to me!" George spoke very quietly, but inwardly he was imagining vain things, and raging like a heathen.

"Miss Editha? Why certainly. Why did you not ask for her at once, if she was the one you wanted to see, instead of asking for Miss VanBrunt? I will send her down at once," and with unruffled composure she left the room.

George thought of what Mr. Alcott had said about Miss Sally being a little "touched," but there was certainly no outward and visible sign of it, and he could augur nothing but ill from her perfect acquiescence in granting him an interview with Editha.

She went up to the girl's room. She was putting the final touches to an elaborate toilet, and Miss Sally was well pleased that her niece should look as im-

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The NEW PARTNERSHIP

James Melvin Lee

It was a luxuriously furnished office. The richness of the furniture and the absence of roll-top desks indicated plainly enough that it was the office of one who mapped out and directed the general policy of the company rather than that of one who attended to details or carried out the instructions of another. In a heavy, leather-covered chair an elderly man sat looking out upon the business thoroughfare.

"A lady to see you, Sir," said the office boy, entering and bringing forward a card.

"A what?" exclaimed the gentleman, suddenly rising from his chair by an unconscious effort. Then, as his mind dropped a brilliant scheme for financing a new adventure, and took in the situation, he hastened to add, "Haven't I told you to admit no one except by appointment? What do you mean by not taking the woman to Johnson?"

"Because she insisted upon seeing you, Sir," the lad replied. "I thought that possibly you might wish to see her, considering that the name on the card is the same as yours. I will take her to Mr. Johnson at once."

"What's that you are saying? The name is the same as mine? Let me see the card. Come, what are you standing there like an idiot for? I say, let me see it."

The man took the card, read the name, and then, as though he could scarcely believe his eyes, he read it again, while he slowly sank back into his chair.

"You—may—show—her—in," he said without lifting his eyes from the floor.

The office boy disappeared; the door opened softly; a woman entered. For a moment neither spoke while a look of embarrassment came into the woman's face. Possibly it was this look or it might have been a sense of impoliteness suddenly realized that recalled the man to his senses.

Arising and pointing to a chair by one of the windows, he said, "Pray be seated."

Another silence broken again by the man. "Pardon me for the remark, but you have changed some—a good deal, in fact, since the time when *** but you came to see me on some business. Am I not right? Believe me, I am speaking the truth, I should more than be pleased if I could be of any service to you."

The woman turned and spoke for the first time. "Thank you. You are very kind."

The sound of HER voice, though he had not heard it in years, went through him like a shock. How it awakened the memories of the past! As he looked at her, he saw a face painfully familiar, and yet it possessed something he had never seen before. It was the same beautiful face he had known in the days of the past; but it was more than that. Certain lines of pride and haughtiness had disappeared while others of care and sorrow had taken their place. His reverie, however, was broken by the woman's voice.

"I did come to see you on business," she said, "but not for myself."

"I might have known as much," the man interrupted.

A flush came into the woman's cheeks, but she continued as though she heard nothing. "I came out here to see you about Charles. For whatever the law may have said, he is still as much your son as he is mine. Possibly you don't know as you never have written him—that he has been graduated. It was from your own college; somehow he wanted to go where his father did. He would have written you but his pride which he received from both of us always prevented. I am sorry that he has so much pride. Too much of it is a bad thing—I have found it so at least. Because of his pride he refused to receive money from me for his college expenses but insisted upon working his way. Now that he has been graduated, it seems to me that something ought to be done toward establishing him in business. The allowance given me by the court—I have never complained of it; it has been sufficient for my needs—does not permit my helping him and I doubt whether he would receive anything from me if it did. But I have come to you—without his knowledge—to see whether you would not do something for him. I have no doubt that he would win out in the end, but a little help would mean so much now. Don't you think that a boy who has done so much for himself is worthy of help—from his father?"

While she had been speaking the man had arisen and with folded arms and closed eyes stood leaning against the wall. He was evidently very much affected for it was sometime before he could control himself sufficiently to trust his thoughts to expression.

"I want to tell you a story,—Helen:" It had been

years since he had spoken that name. Yet it pleased him to see that the woman took no exception to the familiar way he addressed her.

"Once there was a son—the only child of indulgent parents. So far as their limited wealth would allow, they gratified his every wish. The boy grew to manhood and fell in love with a beautiful girl—a queen among women. Accustomed to having his own way in everything, he used every means to win her affections—and won. All would have gone well had he ever learned self-sacrifice. Because he always sought his own pleasure, insisted that everything should go as he said, and never was thoughtful of her, their married life was not happy. His temper which had not had a chance to show itself during courtship now asserted itself. No woman could love such a man very long; she put up with this treatment as long as she could. But there was only one course open to her—divorce."

"It was when the man was left alone that he realized what he had lost. It was in the lone hours of the night when he could find no rest on his pillow that the situation dawned upon him and he saw how more like a brute than a man he had acted. Again and again he was on the point of going to her and asking her forgiveness when his pride, which with other things he had never been able to conquer, stopped him."

"He thought he should be able to forget the matter



"The man sank back in his chair and buried his face in his hands while he muttered—'So much—so much.'"

by going far away and throwing himself into active business life. He worked with all his might, his financial schemes all proved successful, and wealth poured into his open hands. Gold meant nothing to him now; he longed for the gentle touch of her hand. Success was nothing to him; nobody rejoiced with him when his plans proved successful except those financially interested.

"He heard that a boy had been born soon after the divorce had been granted. Then he would write his check for many times the amount given her by court, only to tear it up and throw the pieces into his wastepaper basket, he was so afraid that it would be returned. Yet he longed to share his money with her."

"The only joy he found in life was his gifts to charity which he made in her name but on the express condition that the name of the donor should never be divulged. She became his silent partner in all his acts of charity and deeds of kindness. People who said that his heart had become as hard as the yellow metal he so much desired, changed their opinion of him and asserted something had come into his life and made it nobler and grander."

"Helen," he said breaking off suddenly from the story, "couldn't we form a new partnership—one of three? The new member could do much to keep us together. Had he been born a little sooner I am sure that the old one would never have been dissolved. O Helen, I want you so much—so much—so much."

The man sank back into his chair and buried his face in his hands while he muttered, "So much—so much."

The woman arose and going to his chair, threw her arms around his neck whispering between her sobs, "And to think that I, too, have wanted you so much all these years."

And while the new partnership was being formed, the office boy was stubbornly refusing admittance to three angry men who insisted that they had an appointment with the man on the most important business. And by that intuition which some office boys have, he could not even be bribed to take in their cards.

The Christmas Fellowship of Miss Mab.

Little Miss Mab sat staring into the radiant heart of a wood fire. It lacked only two days of Christmas. She had not yet invited anyone to share the hospitality of her small home. Never since she had been left alone in the world—and that occurred when she was seventeen—had she known a lonely Christmas; there were always some forsaken creatures ready to turn gratefully to the shelter of her home. All these festivities had brought a certain heart warmth and happiness which lingered for months, but it had not meant fellowship or sympathy.

"I believe I want a little bit of Christmas to myself this year," Miss Mab whispered to herself; "it's such hard work, all the fixin's! I do love to see the old women an' the starved boys an' girls fill themselves up. What they want, though, is the eatin'. They don't know nothin' about fellowship. When a woman steps over the forty line an' has been alone all her life, there's a sort of longin' for fellowship—ain't there, Maltie?"

The gray cat arched his back and rubbed his plump body against Miss Mab's dress.

"You're pretty good—all-the-year-round company, Maltie," said his mistress, "only someway there isn't fellowship in a cat's nature. Not that you're to be blamed for it," she added apologetically.

"I've planned such a dinner," murmured Miss Mab, while she stroked the cat. "I never believed in hevin' a lot of fixin's afore the turkey—some folks do. It's allus seemed to me as if, when he comes in, big an' plump an' brown, shinin' with invitation from his neck to the pope's nose—it seemed to me as if when you got half filled up already with soup an'—I was studyin' a cook book yesterday. There was a Christmas menu in it, an' Maltie, what'd y' spouse come ahead o' the turkey? Blue points, consommé an' olives an' bread sticks an' celery an' salted pecans 'an halibut filets with some outlandish-named sauce, an' cold slaw an' dressed tomatoes! Land sakes, by that time I shouldn't have had enough interest left in the turkey to know whether I wanted white or dark meat. Would you, now, Maltie?"

The gray cat mewed sympathetically. "Wall, I'd thought o' hevin' all the nicest fixin's, cranberry jell an' mashed potatoes an' 'squash an' creamed onions. Then I'd hev punkin pie. I hain't no use for plum puddin', it's too fillin'; 'tain't American, either. I'd follow with apple pie an' cheese an' mince pie, an' then some lovely clear coffee with cream in it—thick cream, that's what you'd like, wouldn't you, Maltie?"

The cat curled himself up in the warmth of the fire glow and purred ecstatically.

"It's a fine dinner," observed Miss Mab in her solitary musing; "it's a fine enough dinner to deserve fellowship." She rose and walked to the front window. "I might jest as well out with what is on my mind," she said, "I know who I want to invite as well as can be; all that's troublin' me is the propriety of it. Now, if the little thing hadn't a father, I'd take her in and keep her—longer'n Christmas, too."

She was watching a six-years-old girl who lived in the big boarding house across the street, which was "thronged and lonesome," as Miss Mab expressed it. Every afternoon about five the child lingered on the steps and watched eagerly till a man turned the corner—a tall, round-shouldered, thin, sickly-looking man. As soon as she caught sight of him she darted like a swallow down the street and fairly threw herself into his arms. He always slung his lunch box on his wrist and lifted her to his breast. They did not seem to talk. The head with its brown curls was laid contentedly on his shoulder and occasionally the father bent to rub his cheek against the child's pale face. He climbed the steps with the little girl in his arms and shut the door behind him. Every night Miss Mab watched to see the same tender meeting. When the door of the boarding house closed, there were tears in her eyes.

"It's fellowship inside there," she whispered; then she sat down to her lonely little tea table.

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An Interesting Story Book.

By Florence Beckwith.

An official postal guide would hardly be selected as a very interesting story book, and yet, to those who know how to read between the lines, many a tale is told in the names of the postoffices enumerated in its pages.

Historical events and historical names are handed down to posterity in the postoffices named after them. Columbus and Columbia are found in nearly every state in the Union. The good old times "when we lived under a king" are perpetuated by King George, King and Queen, Queen Anne, Queenstown, King's Ferry, King's City, and a host of other similar aristocratic appellations. The names of the founders of the Republic and the Presidents are repeated again and again, Washington and Jefferson heading the list with Monroe and Madison following close after.

Presidential campaigns are also embalmed in this way. Tippecanoe and Tyler too, and Old Hickory tell when they were named, and in like manner a pretty good guess can often be made as to the age of a town or city.

Battlefields of the Revolutionary War are commemorated; there are Bunker Hills in more states than Massachusetts. Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Churubusco bring back the Mexican War, and places and events of the Civil War and the later Spanish one are already commemorated in more than one of the United States.

Indian names are handed down in the original tongue and also by translation, and Oatka, Onondaga, Tahlequah, Waukomis, Cloud Chief, Grey Horse, Good Thunder and many others tell of their derivation.

Noted statesmen, clergymen, generals, patriots, all the saints in the calendar, and some not in it, are remembered in our postoffices, where Napoleon, Wellington, Luther, Spurgeon, Beecher, Webster, Calhoun, Kossuth, Fremont, and hosts of others of greater or less fame meet on common ground. In fact, almost any person who stands out prominently in the doings of the world is pretty sure to have some postoffice named after him.

Old and New Testament names abound; Antioch, Babylon, Bethel, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Gilead, Lebanon, Rehoboth, Samaria and Zion are met with again and again. Even the Mohammedan can find his Mecca and Buddha is not far away.

Names have been gathered from many foreign lands, and we can live in Paris, Rome, Berlin, Venice, Milan, St. Petersburg, or almost any other renowned place without leaving our own country.

Classical names like Homer, Ilium, Ithaca, Syracuse, Utica are so common through central New York that they sometimes cause merriment and even ridicule, but we should feel grateful to the surveyors, or those responsible, that they had high ideas and did not name all the towns ports and villes, of which we certainly have a great sufficiency.

The old Dutch settlers are remembered in high-sounding names along the Hudson and adjacent territory. Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Bruynswick, Coxsackie, Staatsburg, Stuyvesant, The Vly, Kaaterskill, Poestenkill always bring the old burghers to mind.

French names abound in Louisiana and are occasionally found in Maryland also in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and along down the Mississippi where the Jesuit missionaries and French explorers traversed the wilds. Spanish names naturally abound in Texas, New Mexico and California.

The Puritans in New England, the Quakers, Germans and Welsh in Pennsylvania, the Swedes and Norwegians in the northwest, and various nationalities which have found refuge within our borders, all have left memorials in the towns which they have named, and a marked contrast is shown between the staid and stately names of the older states and those of the more recently settled ones.

The mining towns of the West have contributed their quota to the gayety of the nation by many quaint, symbolical and rollicking names. Angels Camp, Deadwood, Tombstone, Grubgulch, Happy Camp, Rough and Ready, Yankee Jims, You Bet, Bed Rock, Tin Cup, Giltedge, Widdowfield are a few of the striking appellations found in the wild, breezy west.

Though earth, air and water have been searched for names, yet they seem not to have been adequate in all respects, for in Maryland is a post-office called simply T. B., and Tennessee boasts of one known as A. B. C.

From grave to gay, from lively to severe the names range; the poetical and romantic, the tragical and pure matter-of-fact mingle all over the country. Many names of women are used, Mary being the prime favorite and Florence being almost as popular. Our trees and wild flowers are not forgotten, some names, like Mertensia, going to show where the plants grow in abundance, and others, like Lone Elm, Lone Oak, Lone Pine, commemorating a single specimen. Many names are so quaint and curious that we wonder how they came to be given, and others are so utterly absurd that it is surprising they were accepted by the postal authorities.

Were there no other proofs of the fact, the names of our postoffices show that we are a composite nation. With the almost unspellable names of Hawaii and Porto Rico added, (leaving the Philippines out of the question,) we need to understand several languages in order to pronounce correctly all of our postoffices. Let us hope that the names of the future will be Americanized so that we can read, spell and pronounce them.

Our Little Bird Friends.

By Ethelyn.

Until recently few people realized the great value of our native birds to man. Chapman says, "They are the natural check upon the increase of insect life. Consider the incalculable number of insects destroyed by the birds which pass the greater part of each day hunting through our lawns, orchards, fields and woods for the pests that destroy vegetation. Of almost equal importance are the birds of prey whose food consists largely of the small rodents which are among the farmer's worst enemies. Indeed it is not too much to say that without birds the earth would not long be habitable."

These little bird friends are working all the year notwithstanding the fact that they are misjudged and undervalued. It has been said that a catbird will eat thirty grasshoppers for his breakfast and in a very few hours be ready for thirty more.

Some birds eat the seeds of noxious weeds, others eat insects that spoil our fruit and vegetables, and still others eat small animals as rats, mice, etc. Some of these birds do their work in the daytime while others work at night so that they are working all the time.

Let us look at a few of these birds that we see all around us and see if we can learn of what their food consists. The robin eats a vast number of canker-worms which spoils our apples and the cut worm that kills the corn. The catbird works around the fruit trees and eats the insects that either spoil the fruit or kill the trees. The warblers work high up in the tops of trees killing the insects that are on and under the leaves. The swallows catch flies, mosquitoes and other insects as they fly about in the air. Orioles and robins eat caterpillars. Woodpeckers hunt all over the limbs of trees and if we listen we shall hear them tap on the bark of the trunks. By tapping they can tell whether there are worms under the bark and if there are they make a hole in the bark and draw them out.

The goldfinch, chipping sparrow, white-throated sparrow, purple finch, in fact all the finch family (this includes all sparrows) are seed eaters. Some of the principal weeds of which they eat the seeds are smartweed, ragweed, bittersweet, sorrel, amaranth, thistles, beggar's ticks, fox-tail and crab grasses, dandelions, etc. The most of these weeds are extremely hard for farmers and others to rid their lawns or

fields of, so that these birds are exceedingly helpful. As many of these weeds and other plant shrubs, and trees retain their seeds during the winter thus quite a number of these birds stay with us during that season.

Hawks and owls eat little animals like rats, mice, etc.

The water-birds, as herons, bitterns, etc., eat small animals found in and near the water.

Of course we have always heard these birds found fault with. The robins, catbirds, etc., for eating our cherries, strawberries and such fruits. Farmers complain that the seed eaters eat their grain, and that the hawks and owls rob their hen-roosts, but it has been proven that they do much more good than harm. Dr. C. Hart Merriam says, "It is within bounds to say that in the course of a year every hawk and owl destroys at least a thousand mice or their equivalent in insects, and that each mouse or its equivalent so destroyed would cause the farmer a loss of two cents per annum. Therefore omitting all reference to the enormous increase in number of these noxious animals when Nature's means of holding them in check has been removed, the lowest possible estimate of the value to the farmers of each hawk, owl and weasel would be \$20 a year, or \$30 in a year and a half."

As birds are not only beautiful to look at, pleasant to listen to, but also so useful to man, it should be a part of our duty to protect them from cats, boys with guns, or other disturbing elements. There is much we can do to draw them near us. Plant such trees as birds like the fruit or seeds of, such as Russian Mulberry and Shadberry for early summer, and choke cherries, elderberries and Virginia creeper to protect our late ones. Many birds prefer these wild fruits to cultivated ones.

To those in Arrears

We are enclosing with this issue, bills to those who are in arrears and wish to urge prompt remittances so we can credit the same before our January issue comes out. If space permitted the recital of all the good things in store for Vick readers in 1905 we are sure no one would hesitate a moment. If you desire to accept one

of our liberal club offers advertised elsewhere in this issue simply add the amount you owe to date to the price of the club. If you desire one of the beautiful art prints which we publish (regular price 25c, simply add 10 cents to your remittance. These art prints are the wonder of all who see them and make suitable gifts for the holidays. You will notice by your bill that we are giving you the benefit of our special coupon rate of 25 cents for advance subscription.

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Special. To all who remit the amount of their bills before January 25th, 1905, and return this offer with same we will send Green's Fruit Grower one full year as a premium. This is a special offer and not good after Jan. 25th next, and only to those who are in arrears and return this notice with remittance.



The Fir Lane

By L. M. Montgomery.

We lingered there when twilight fell
In purple gloom, and tender stars
Looked out o'er sunset's glimmering bars,
And wood-winds wove their murmurous spell.

We stole that way when morning's gold
Showered warm across the branches green,
And threading sunlight crept between
The firs with glories manifold.

And at the hour when field and hill
Were burning in the noontide glare
We sought for shade and coolness there
Where wind-blown tassels had their will.

Oh, dear it was, that dim old lane,
Its calm air sweet with breath of fir

And echoing to the dreamful stir
Of soft wood-voices' low refrain.

Forever there was brooding rest
In winding path and shadowy dell,
A gracious benediction fell
To satisfy each varying guest.

The city's noise and strife were far,
Ambition and unrest unknown,
The joy of youth was all our own,
And through the dusk the dear home star.

Ah, often now we long in vain
To steal away from toil and care,
And, children-wise, to wander there
Adown the old, fir-shadowed lane.

Window Plants for Christmas Uses.

By Lennie Greenlee.

How many of us have not exclaimed with delight over some pretty palm or primrose found among our gifts on Christmas morning? And as the holidays draw near I venture that there are not many window-gardens in which especially pretty and shapely plants are not tended with especial care for a similar Christmas errand.

Little window shrubs with bright-colored fruits, perhaps on account of their resemblance to the holly, are great favorites at this season. The holly itself can be grown into a charming little Christmas tree by almost anyone. It is perfectly hardy and may be left out doors until needed for use,—a great point in its favor. Several years are required to grow the little bushes to fruiting size from seeds, but when grown in tubs the tree blooms much sooner than when growing in our woods and meadows.

Usually little holly seedlings are grafted the second year with scions from a well-berried tree, for all hollies do not produce fruit even in old age. In October the berries change from green through yellow and orange to scarlet. I have seen them, still bright and plump, in April. A prettier porch, hall or vestibule shrub for the winter cannot be imagined. Dwarf hollies can also be used for mingling with the other dwarf evergreens in outdoor bedding and for the filling of window boxes. Just now they are too expensive to be common. And yet any woman can grow the holly from the berried sprays of Christmas. Scatter berries that fall in a box of moist sand, and set it away in some corner of the yard or cellar until spring. Transplant the little seedlings into tiny pots of sandy loam when large enough and keep shifting to larger pots as the roots demand it. If you are not expert at grafting get some friend or florist to graft the shrub with wood from a bearing holly the second season and grow on as before, shifting into larger pots less frequently, however, for a big tub is not easy to move about.

Ardisia crenulata and the *solanum* also bear profuse crops of bright red berries. The American Wonder lemon and the Otaheite orange usually ripen their fruits in time for Christmas and make pretty ornaments for table or buffet. The fruits of the little orange usually need to be thinned or the bush will exhaust itself in setting more than it can ripen.

Scarlet geraniums and carnations, Chinese and obconica primroses, begonias, cyclamen, pans of white Roman hyacinths or scarlet Duc van Thol tulips, all make beautiful Christmas gifts if well grown, and all are bright and cheery for holiday house decoration. Keep the primroses in a cool north window where they will be near the light but not in sunshine. Water them only moderately and without wetting the leaves.

The daintiest of all begonias is *Gloire de Lorraine*. The idea that it is not a good house plant is a mistaken one. When grown cool and properly "hardened off," as florists say, it needs no more care than fine old *rubra*. The critical time of its life is in February or March when it ceases flowering and needs a rest,—to be left semi-dormant for two or three months. Most window gardeners water it continually and it is this very care that kills it. Gradually cease watering as the last flowers fade and do not be uneasy if the plant looks jaded. Keep it in a cooler, semi-shaded place and give only enough water to keep it from drying up until growth starts again. It can be grown from leaf-cuttings inserted in wet sand. As the leaf dies away a tiny white tuber forms in the soil.

The Cyclamen is one of the most charming plants that blooms in winter. It can be grown from seeds, but where only one or two plants are needed for the windows it will pay best to buy them in known colors that one likes best. Florists recommend growing them from seed every year and throwing the old corms away after forcing, but it has always paid me well to keep good roots two years. Frequently at this season I have had two-year plants in five-inch pots carrying thirty to forty open flowers at one time. The blooms are very daintily and oddly formed, while no plant of the window can boast more quaintly pretty leaves. The plant likes a rather shady window, or a northern one, and must be kept watered well while growing.

Gesnerias

By Georgina S. Townsend

Gesnerias are hot house plants, of rich foliage as brilliant as rex begonias. The blossoms are orange colored, of a tubular shape. A large display of them in one of our park hot houses was of very rich oriental beauty. They require the same treatment that gloxinias do, and although their blossom is not extra fine, their foliage is certainly effective.

Flowers for Easter Bloom

By Flora Lee

A Prize winning Article in Our Late Contest.

In our window-garden at Easter time we like something fresh and bright and new. Something we have not previously enjoyed. To grow these ourselves means so much more to us than to purchase them all in bloom from the florist.

By selecting those kinds whose mission it seems to be to furnish bloom for Easter; we may, with intelligent care, have flowers enough to fill our windows with beauty.

The Chinese Azalea is one of the plants which is always associated in our minds with Easter bloom and right royally does it hold its place. It is not as difficult to grow as is generally imagined, if its requirements are understood. The most important of these, is constant moisture at the roots. The three periods when it needs the largest supply of water is, while it is forming its buds (in late summer), maturing the blossoms, and making new leaf growth.

Showering the foliage is another necessary thing, especially while growing. For the soil, it wants sandy peat; if it is necessary to use a substitute, it should be sifted. A good sized Azalea is quite expensive certainly, but with proper care it will be a delight for years, and is worth several less aristocratic plants. Very small Azaleas at small prices are also to be obtained and will produce from two to four flowers the first season, and in a few years make nice specimens. They will also prove fully as tractable as the older plants, because they have not been so long accustomed to greenhouse conditions.

The *Petargonium* are another class of plants adapted to this purpose, because they are naturally spring bloomers. Still it is necessary to keep them growing vigorously from the first of January to insure their blooming early enough. They should be fertilized from that time on, and have sunshine always. A rich soil, which is half leaf mold with some sand suits them perfectly. Few plants respond so quickly to good treatment, or repay us with such superb flowers. Lately these have been greatly improved in size, color, and form. The semi-double ones with ruffled edges are something exquisite.

For a wealth of bloom and brightness, *Genista Canariensis* fills an important place. Frequent showering is very beneficial and quite necessary. It should be encouraged to send out many new branches in late summer or fall, for these are the ones that at Easter turn to "gold."

The Bermuda Easter Lily is not always satisfactory in the window-garden, and the bulb is good only for the one year. Try instead *Ismene calathena grandiflora* which belongs to the *Amaryllis* family, so is good for any number of years. A large bulb will throw up three strong flower scapes, each having four lovely large white lilies of a peculiar form, and strong but delicious fragrance.

The first year, when a dormant bulb has been procured in the fall, it will not bloom in time for Easter, but will be lovely in May, if potted in January. It is useless to pot it sooner as it cannot be coaxed to start roots before that time, being naturally a summer bulb. If purchased in the spring, it should be potted at once, and treated in the same way. A good sized bulb will need an eight-inch pot. The crown must not be covered. Bottom heat will help it to start, and after the roots are growing nicely, it should have full sunshine; when it will be a pleasure to watch the shining leaves start and grow until they ultimately reach a height of two and a half feet; in the meantime the flower scapes having joined in the race.

After the blooming period is over, less water should be given until the foliage and bulb have gradually ripened, then only enough to keep roots alive. The next January carefully shift to a larger pot and treat as before. The bulb having roots already formed will soon start top growth and be in full bloom at Easter.

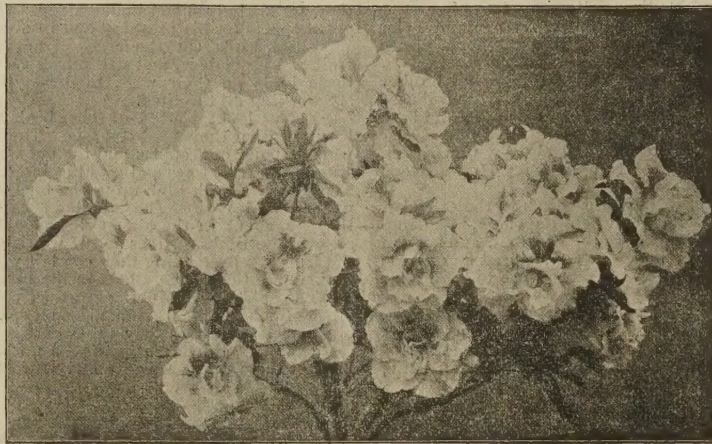
Amaryllis Johnsonii and other varieties of *Amaryllis* are also fine at this season. When already potted, start into growth about two months before hand to make certain of their blooming in time. The best way in planning for Easter, is to keep a floral journal; thus you may know just how long it takes different things to come into bloom under existing conditions, and the next year you can plan accordingly.

Hyacinths, *Narcissus* etc., are always useful in a display of this kind and very easily managed. The Roman Hyacinths are especially dainty and pretty and sure to be satisfactory. They will perfect their blossoms in a north window.

With such reinforcements as these, one's window-garden will be a shower of bloom and loveliness on Easter morning.

There are many varieties of Cacti having magnificent flowers which develop about this time if given a sunny window all winter.

Among these the real Easter Cactus (*Epiphyllum Russellianum Gaertneri*) ranks high, and is extremely desirable. It is the same as the fall and winter-blooming Crab Cactus in growth and habit, but its blossoms are scarlet, open wider, and are more abundant.



Chinese Azalea.



Stand of Amaryllis.

Vines for Decorative Purposes

By Sarah A. Pleas.



The most beautiful ornament in our little village is a Trumpet vine which runs up an old stump fifteen feet high, forming a large umbrella shaped top where it blows many hundred trumpets daily, feasting humming birds and winged insects galore, whilst challenging the traveling public for a passing salutation or recognition of its charms. A strong cane of the Rambler Rose is twined diagonally around the long naked trunk, which is at the same time a mass of crimson flowers. Our own Trumpet vine has crept its way to the uppermost branches of an old spruce, where it towers above the housetop. This does not entangle the tree, as would other vines, but confines itself to the trunk and reaches out its long arms loaded with orange scarlet flowers all the way to the top, intermingling with the branches of the tree, contrasting beautifully with the deep evergreen foliage.

Both the Trumpet vine and Rose are magnificent when trained as standards, or on a large cross, and may be trained with good effect to cover the side of a building. If seed pods are kept cut out, the Trumpets will continue to blow for a much longer time. When the Roses fade the blooming canes, and all weak growth should be cut out to throw all the strength of the plant into strong canes for next season's flowers.

The Wistarias are strong, large, woody twining vines and will reach the utmost limit of their support. Aside from their long naked stems below, (which cinnamon vines will soon hide,) they are very pretty trained over a wall, nailing them occasionally to secure their great weight against strong wind, then twine around the chimney top, where they will run riot for years increasing in size and beauty. Perhaps the most appropriate use for them is to cover a large umbrella shaped arbor. A very permanent central support is an old evergreen tree, trimmed up, leaving a small tuft only in its top to keep the trunk alive. Confine the vine to this trunk up through the centre of the arbor, then spread it out on a frame to whatever height and size may be desired. The sky blue and white flowers will fall in immense tasseled racemes around the edge, and depend from the central branches overhead in lovely abandon, more delicately tinted than where exposed to full sun.

Ampelopsis variegata, for a light partially shaded location is the prettiest woody vine for a north porch. (Strong sunlight deadens its delicate colors.) There is no leaf having prettier outlines. They are green mottled white, white predominating. It is hardy, but in this climate dies to the ground in winter, but as soon as growth begins it is an object of beauty. All new wood and all laterals throughout the season are delicate pink tinted crimson. There is a tendril and cluster of bloom at each joint, these two are pink. The flowers are inconspicuous, but as the berries, which are in large loose clusters, ripen, they become a bright sky blue, their stems changing to crimson; then the combination of all those beautiful colors in such quantity is pretty beyond description, and must be seen to be appreciated.

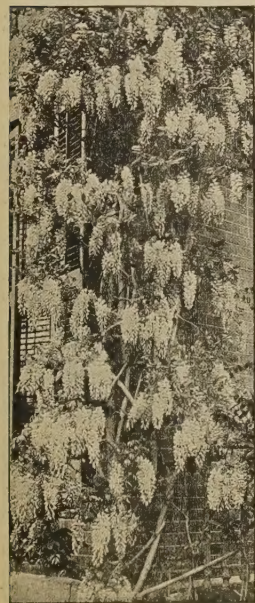
Adlumia and Maurandias are the most delicate vines, suitable for a north wall or porch. They are to the piazza what silk lace is to a ladies' toilet. Adlumia is a self seeding biennial, blooming the second season. Maurandias will bloom the first year and if kept in the house during winter make strong plants which will cover the side of a house the second season. There are several shades. All these are rapid growers with lace like foliage and very beautiful flowers.

The Cinnamon vine is hardy, with a large tuberous root and is a suitable companion for all ragged evergreens and Wistarias and seems fully compensated for the privilege of twining around and clothing their naked ugliness with its pretty heart shaped leaves and deliciously fragrant flowers.

The Golden leaved Honeysuckle is one of the most desirable vines for a light, northern exposure, not so hardy as some kinds, but should be layered down and allowed to make many roots along the wall and if killed down will soon renew itself. Its growth is delicate, leaves veined and mottled yellow, changing to white with age. The small vines are very beautiful to combine with cut flowers. When planted beneath a north window and trained up both sides it appears to best advantage.

The Madeira or Mexican vine is a tender tuberous plant, and will bloom twice a year. It is a marvel of pretty waxen foliage, a rapid grower with great masses of delicate tassellated, creamy white, fragrant flowers late in summer. It does equally well in sun and shade. It may be cut near the ground before being frozen and removed to the house when the stems will at once start into new growth and may be trained over picture frames, around windows or on any wall, and will bloom abundantly before spring. English Ivy alone is its superior for indoor planting, and this is dependent on a summer outing, with cleansing rains to fit it for the coming winter when it must be trained "right side up with care," whilst the Madeira is simply cut back, and when given the chance will arrange and accommodate itself to its environments most gracefully.

The different varieties of Clematis are among the most highly-prized climbers. The large-flowered varieties, especially Jackmanni, are exceedingly showy and the smaller-flowered paniculata with its hosts of starry blossoms and deep green foliage is alike invaluable for embowering the cottage or adorning the terraces. The Dutchman's Pipe with its large tropical-like leaves and curious pipe-shaped flowers is a rapid grower and very hardy climber.



Wistaria.

Late Blooming Flowers

Florence Beckwith

In planting a garden one should not only make selection of early blooming flowers and those blossoming freely in summer, but should endeavor to include some that will continue into the fall. To enjoy the autumn, we should have some plants which will go on flowering until the frosts destroy them, or, better still, some which even freezing weather will not altogether spoil.

When, at last, the frosts have killed the tender plants, those which are hardy enough to stand quite severe weather have an added value in our eyes. We mourn the lack of flowers for the table, and little sprays and sprigs which would scarcely have been noticed earlier in the season are now eagerly gathered, and combined with graceful foliage often make attractive ornaments. The little side shoots of the Perennial Phlox will continue in bloom even into November, and can be made useful in this way.

Many of the hardy perennials, if cut back after blooming, will flower a second time and give us something bright in the border, and there are also many annuals and biennials which will furnish quantities

of flowers for late cutting.

The annual Chrysanthemums blossom freely after the fall rains and cool weather come, and some of them are very pretty. Verbenas also like cool weather and early frosts do not injure them. Phlox Drummondii will produce fine blossoms even after hard frosts, and Petunias are not discouraged until very late in the season. Nothing can compare with the Marigolds for gorgeousness and hardiness, and a root pulled up and thrust into a jardiniere will continue in bloom for weeks.

Zinnias are most persistent bloomers, and the rich coloring of the improved varieties makes them desirable for large decorative schemes. Salvias, in all their gorgeous coloring, make a bright spot in the garden even on a rainy day. The Pansies, of course, are sure to bloom up to the very hardest frosts, if only a little sunshine comes occasionally to encourage them.

Of the hardy perennials the Japan Anemones are among the most beautiful and lasting. The spotless white ones with their profusion of golden stamens add a grace and glory to the garden, and some of the newer pink ones, like Queen Charlotte, make effective contrasts. Severe frosts early in October shortened their season of bloom this fall with us, but ordinarily they remain in blossom for weeks.

The old-fashioned hardy Chrysanthemums are invaluable in the garden. They cover themselves with bloom in various colors and remain in flower for weeks, the treasures of the late fall. They endure considerable frost and even snow without much damage. Quite an extended variety of colors can be obtained, and nothing adds more to the beauty of the garden in October and November. When cut and taken into the house, they will keep fresh, in a cool room, for two weeks or more.

Though we were visited by untimely freezing weather in October, here in Rochester, the mercury falling to 18 degrees Fah., a visit on November 4th to the grounds of one of our prominent florists showed quite a number of flowers yet in blossom. Of all the plants on the grounds, the Ten Weeks Stocks were the least injured by the cold weather. They were, in fact, absolutely unharmed, and were not only abundantly in bloom but were as bright, beautiful and sweet as in midsummer. Their hardiness was a matter of surprise and the beauty of a long row of crimson and white ones and their exceeding sweetness will be a pleasant recollection during the dreary days of the coming winter.

The Perennial Phlox, too, was quite freely in bloom, both large panicles and many little side shoots, altogether making quite a display of blossoms. Other plants more or less in blossom on November 4th were: Delphiniums, Sweet Alyssum, Verbenas, Petunias, Caltha palustris fl. pl., Arabis alba, Achillea aurea and A. the Pearl, Campanula rotundifolia, Phlox subulata, Bachelor Buttons, Snapdragons, Aster Novae Angliae and Aster grandiflorus, Trollius Europaeus and Scabiosa Caucasia.

In ordinary seasons many more species would have been in bloom even later than this date. In some cases the flowers which were in blossom when the freezing weather came were killed, but later buds opened when milder days followed. Enough flowers were in bloom to show that November in the garden need not be entirely without blossoms, even in our latitude.

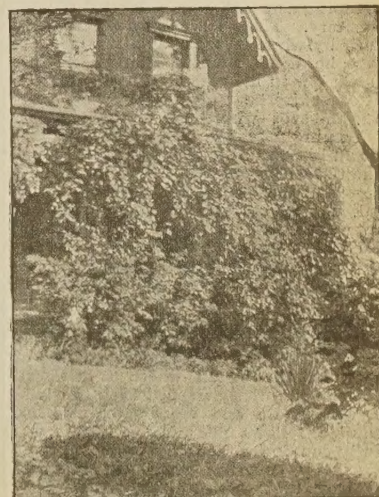
As the days grow colder and our walks in the garden are shortened, every little blossom which shows a gleam of color tends to cheer us and is prized accordingly.



Roses on Clothes Post.



The Crimson Rambler in Tree Form.



Vine-Embowered Cottage.

FOR THE CHILDREN

My Little Neighbor.

My little neighbor's table's set,
And slyly he comes down the tree,
His feet firm in each tiny fret
The bark has fashioned cunningly.
He pauses on a favorite knot;
Beneath the oak his feast is spread;
He asks no friend to share his lot,
Or dine with him on an acorn bread.
He keeps his whiskers trim and neat,
His tail with care he brushes through;
He runs about on all four feet—
When dining he sits up on two.
He has the latest stripe in furs,
And wears them all the year around;
He does not mind the prick of burrs
When there are chestnuts to be found.
I watch his home and guard his store,
A cozy hollow in a tree;
He often sits within his door
And chatters wondrous things to me.
—Mary Augusta Mason.

The Ingenious Squirrel.

By Austin L. Weamer.

Corporations and business people, as well as all property holders, protect their property by insurance. This is natural to mankind. The squirrel, especially what is commonly known as the grey-squirrel, has a unique plan for the protection of his property. This never came to my notice until I watched the nimble animal put by his surplus stock of nuts.

Last summer while spending my vacation, I visited an open park where the squirrels were plenty and most of them not inclined to be timid. Shortly after I had seated myself with a morning paper in my hand, intending to read, I felt something tugging at my coat and turning around saw a bright-eyed squirrel trying to get into my pocket. I knew immediately what he was looking for. I went down the walk into a near-by fruit store and procured a supply of mixed nuts. I had little time to wait before a spry fellow came up, but he was inclined to be afraid; his coming, though, attracted others. At last I had one upon my knee trying to take a nut out of my hand. When he got hold of it, off he scampered to hide it for a reserve. This particular fellow had one of his ears clipped, by this he could be easily recognized. Back and forward he traveled until my supply was exhausted.

My curiosity was aroused as to what became of all the nuts he had carried away. Where could he store them that a brother squirrel could not find and rob him? So to convince myself and find out how he had them protected from robbers, for there are thieves and worthless rogues among squirrels as in the human family, I secured a new supply of nuts and watched with interest the results, but again I disposed of almost one-half of my stock endeavoring to find a plan to watch the hiding of nuts carried away. At last, just as soon as he ran away with his latest added stock, I left plenty on the bench so that if others came they would leave him one at least to make another trip.

I carefully moved along the path and creeping across the grass located the depository. There I lay down on the grass near by while he made another trip. At last he came running along with one down low in his paws. If he had carried it otherwise he transferred it when nearing the spot where he would place it.

Coming near its store house he laid down his nut and looking about, seeing the track clear put the nut between his forepaws and completely covered it with saliva. This process was done over and over again; afterwards he would lift up the grassy sod and place them underneath. I watched another squirrel coming with his stock; he came near where the first had placed his store, but he had a store-room of his own, and went through the very same process as the first. Afterward I placed a supply of nuts on the bench where I had been seated and quietly slipped back to where I was before and after watching these nimble fellows put away the nuts I was fully convinced that they protected their stock by covering them with saliva to destroy their scent. Afterwards they made holes round about their hiding place and tore up the sod so as to put any robber off the track of their store house.

The Christmas Fairy.

"Sure it's a small bit o' Christmas they'll be after having, the craythers," said Mrs. O'Dooligan, wiping the tears from her eyes with a corner of her apron, "for it's neither bite nor sup we've got about the place beyant just bread and butter and a dish o' tay."

And the neighbor into whose sympathetic ears she poured this tale of woe was sorry enough for poor Widow O'Dooligan, but what could she do with only a goose to go the rounds of her own big family? As she went out through the dooryard, on her way to her own home cabin, she saw the three little O'Dooligan children playing with the pig by the steps.

"It's a wonder she doesn't have the pig for Christmas," thought the neighbor. But that was because she did not know that piggie must be saved to pay next month's rent and to buy Tim's shoes and Nora's hood and Sarah's cloak and many more things that would never come their way if they should have the pig for Christmas dinner.

"Come in, all of yez," called Mrs. O'Dooligan to her brood, as the dusk crept up from the sea, "or its the rheumatiz ye'll all be a-getting."

But little the three cared for rheumatism. They were having a glorious good time chasing piggie around the yard, and it was not until their mother had come out after them that they at last crept into the cabin and remembered that to-morrow would be Christmas Day.

"And it's our stockings we'll be hanging up there," said Tim, pointing to the chimney corner.

"And all full of holes they be," sighed motherly little Sarah, who, though only eleven, was "all of a woman, and would make two of yez any day," as her mother was wont to say to Tim when he lagged with his work.

"But you can cobbler them up so as nothing'll drop out o' them," wheedled Tim, "cause we just must hang them up."

So Sarah cobbled as best she could till

the holes were so small that a gumdrop could not have slipped through them.

"And nothing'll be dropping out of them, sure," thought their mother, "for nothing'll ever go into them, begorra!"

"And there's three nails a'ready for them," laughed Tim. "The fairies won't care if they're rusty, will they,

Their scant supper over, they were soon fast asleep, Norah in Sarah's arms, and Tim on his heap of straw on the floor, and dreaming of all the fairies would bring them before morning. But Tim was just in the middle of his dream when something woke him up, and looking over toward the chimney place, where the peat fire till smoldered, he saw his mother weeping, and rocking herself to and fro.

"And what ails ye?" he asked anxiously, running over to her. "Is it looking for the fairies ye are?"

"It's looking at them little stockings, I am," she sobbed, "and we wid never an orange or an apple to put inside o' them—and the baby, too, widout so much as a bit of candy for her Christmas, at all, at all."

"Do ye put things in our stockings and not the fairies?" cried Tim in disappointment.

"Sure and there's no fairies I ever saw," answered his mother, "nor you, nor any wid mortal eyes, as I ever heard of. But get back into yer bed, Tim, ma-voureen. It's no better ye'll make a black Christmas be catching yer death o' cold."

It was a very sorrowful little boy that crept back to the heap of straw, and he could not sleep, though after a while his mother did, and Tim wondered how she could, when he heard her heavy, regular breathing. No fairies, no Christmas, or worse yet—a black one—and yet his mother could sleep! Tim could not understand it.

Presently he sat up and looked out of the window. The moonlight streamed in through the dingy panes. "Oh, there must be fairies outside there in the shadows. The night was mild and 'muggy,'" Tim tiptoed to the door and lifted the latch.

But there were no fairies dancing there in the moonbeams. All was still and deserted. Far away to the right stretched the road that led to Illinglae, the nearest town, where

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My Little Neighbor Eating his Christmas Dinner.

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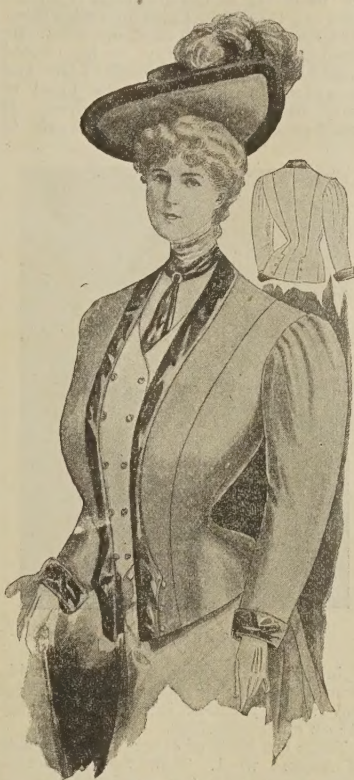
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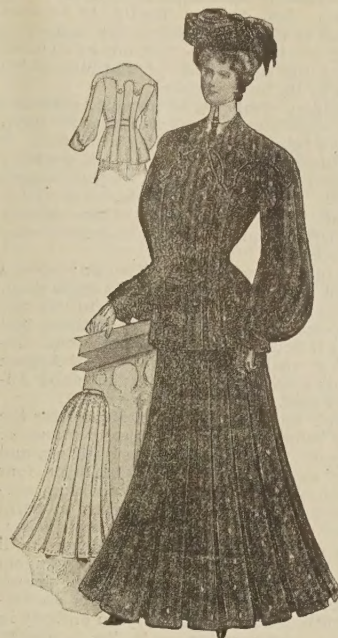
Waists made in Directoire style with big, pointed revers and deep cuffs are to be noted among the smartest of all models and are particularly handsome in velvet. This one is mignonette green in color and is trimmed with bands of cream broadcloth, the vest being of that material embroidered, while the chemisette is of lace. The quantity of material required for the medium size is $7\frac{1}{4}$ yards 27, $6\frac{1}{4}$ yards 27 or 4 yards 44 inches wide, with $\frac{3}{4}$ yards any width for vest and collar and $\frac{3}{4}$ yards for chemisette. The pattern 4858 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4860.

One of the New Coats.

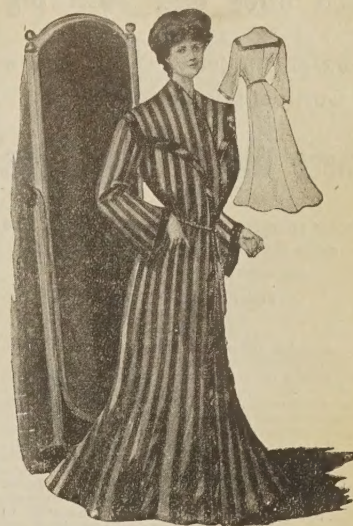
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Pattern Nos. 4845 and 4793.

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Angora Handknit Garments.

The popular revival of garments made of Angora wool, which first demonstrated itself last winter, has taken deeper root now that the cold days have come once more. And this is hardly to be wondered at if one considers the beauty of Angora—the softness that breaks all harsh lines, the suggestion of warmth which lies in its furry surface.

Angora wool is used for many garments for children, for women, and for men. For a baby or a young child there is nothing quite so pretty as the quaintly shaped Dutch hood when made of Angora wool. Like most Dutch hoods it is made in plain knitting, done loosely on large needles that the best effect may be secured.

Right here let us offer our readers a word of advice in regard to Angora wool. Many there are who object to its use "because it sheds so," never realizing that this is because they have used some inferior quality of the wool. All Angora sheds some in the working but good Angora wool will not shed after that.

But to return to our muttons; for the boy baby there is a very pretty toque of Angora wool, also in plain knitting, and very easily made. It is knit on four needles like the leg of a stocking, narrowed gradually until it forms a point after a length of about eighteen inches. For the same little chap, to be worn with the toque, is a little jacket of Angora wool. This is perfectly straight—much like those straight knit jackets so frequently made of Saxony yarn entirely in plain garter stitch. It has a pretty rolling collar and rolling cuffs.

For the little maid of five or six years or thereabouts there is a little muff and collar or boa to go with it, as one prefers. This little set is deliciously childish in its appearance and is so easy to make that it really is quite a valuable suggestion for a Christmas gift for some little one longing for a muff and boa. For the muff a perfectly straight piece is knit, the first row joined to the last. A lining of eight fold zephyr german-town is then crocheted. It is made slightly smaller than the muff, several thicknesses of cotton wadding are rolled around it, the Angora section is drawn over it, after which the ends of Angora and of the lining sections are overhanded together.

The boa is almost as easy to make and is very like a boa of white fur with its little tail ends.

The collar is, however, perhaps more suited to more practical use. As will be



Child's Angora Muff and Collar.

seen in the illustration, it reaches well over the shoulders and almost to the waist line in front and back. It has a low standing collar and is closed in front with silk frogs.

A Tam O'Shanter knit of Angora wool is quite a different article from that shown and sold in the stores under that name, as one sees at a glance even from afar. The woven Angora Tam is harsh and stiff and commonplace in appearance, hardening into ugliness the lines of the face. The knitted Tam O'Shanter when made of Angora wool is

full of the witchery and grace one finds in French headgear. The softness of its outlines is repeated in the face, bringing the soft lines of the latter strongly into relief; it brings youth and freshness to the complexion.

Another lovely use for Angora wool in the wardrobe of the grownup, is for the yoke of a kimono. Combined with other portions crocheted in Shetland wool, the garment is quite worthy to be classed with those confections made of lace and fur which are the desire of the heart of every woman fond of pretty dress. It would prove a much appreciated gift to



Kimono with Angora Yoke.

a bride or a young mother, for aside from its beauty it makes an excellent and warm garment into which to snuggle on chill mornings.

There are hosts of other articles made of Angora wool. Tight fitting vests for men, sweaters for the feminine sex of all ages, imitation fur stoles and mittens, wristlets or pulse warmers are among those most frequently seen. The man's vest is really the most practical garment. Unnecessary to say it is sleeveless, but it is cut high and broad in the back and in the front is single breasted with the neck cut so low that it will not show above the ordinary vest if the owner chooses to wear it beneath one.

One of the imitation fur stoles has almost as elegant appearance as the stoles made of the real skin. It is in the most up-to-date shape in that beautiful soft tone of gray in which Angora wool comes and is lined with cream white Spanish yarn.

In some cases the use of Angora is being carried to extremes, although one requires a substantial fund of money to do so. Such is the case of one woman among New York's Four Hundred who has had made for herself an entire skating outfit of Angora wool. It includes tights which reach from the waist to the ankle, an Angora Brownie hood, a blouse sweater with rolling collar and pouched sleeves and Angora mitts. They are all in grey and she wears them with a gown of a lighter shade of grey with here and there a touch of burnt orange.

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The Household

Christmas Gifts.

JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

"Not what we give but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare."
—Lowell.

The tendency of reform in the past was trying to cure existing evils, today the remedy is to prevent. In Christmas giving we must keep that dangerous element of exchanging presents out of the children's thoughts and encourage only the spontaneous loving remembrance—better that some friends should be left out entirely than that the true Christmas spirit be smothered by doing too much.

We prize the things made by the children's own hands; the very imperfections in their work appeal to us. Often there are materials in the house which the children can work up into useful gifts with the aid of a little thought and a slight expenditure of money.

Folios—Buy a large sheet of card board and have it cut into cards—seven by nine inches is a good size. Also have one or two cards cut into two pieces—a small punch or letter file containing one is useful to make the holes. The large cards can be used as mounts for pictures, match scratches, and key boards. For the key board use a thin piece of soft wood to back it when the screw hooks are put in. Paint "Merry Christmas" in red letters; hang up by ribbon.

To make a folio for photographs or the picture cards which children often get in Sunday school, tie two large cards with ribbon at the ends and one side.

A large and a small card will make a case for souvenir postal cards used so much now. A letter case is made in the same way. A blue print photograph of the giver pasted on the smaller card seems almost to say, "I am thinking of you every day."

Cook Book—Each member of a family generally excels in some recipe. For the married-sister what could be more prized than a book of the home recipes. The book can be made of a good quality of letter paper. Index the leaves with the different subjects as soups, bread, cake, fruit, etc. Make a cover of white oilcloth or heavy canvas or soft leather. Bind the edges with silk braid.

Clothes Hangers can be made out of barrel hoops sawed into convenient lengths. Fasten one large screw hook in the middle to hang by; cover with white cloth, and ribbon if you like. A satchet bag will further enhance its value.

Dish Holders—Quite a young child can make dish holders out of red and white barred dish toweling—fasten one layer of wadding or flannel inside, put on a tape loop.

Button Bag is another easy gift to make, it requires a piece of chamois cut in the form of a circle. Scallop the edge, run two draw strings of ribbon through slits cut for the purpose. The beauty of this is that one can open it out flat to find a button.

Eye Glass Cleaners can be made of small pieces of chamois cut in any fancy shape. Button hole the edges with silk. Paint the motto—

"If you would see the world aright—
Be sure to keep your glasses bright."

Pattern Case—If you wish to save a busy mother's time and patience, make a case similar to a slipper case out of silesia or cretonne. Two pieces one yard long, one-fourth deep will make eight pockets which have a box plait at the bottom and fasten on a foundation twenty-four inches square. Bind all edges with braid.

Cases for Handkerchiefs, Neckties and Turnovers can be made after the same plan, using the right size to suit the articles. For handkerchiefs it should be six inches square—use muslin, silk or two widths of three-inch ribbon cross stitched together. Make a hem on the open edge wide enough to hold a whalebone, this keeps the case in shape and

holds the edges together. One yard of ribbon five inches wide will make the necktie case. Three-fourths yard of ribbon three inches wide for the turnovers.

Aprons—If brother has a liking for carpentry make him a carpenter's apron out of blue denim. A curving piece cut out of the two upper corners will make pockets and straps to go around the neck and waist. Be sure to remember the pockets—one for nails, one for hammer and a tiny one for pencil.

For the little girl who is learning to wash dishes make an apron that reaches to the bottom of the dress "just like mother's." One breadth for the front, another breadth cut in two for the backs—stitch the seams to within about nine inches of the top where it is left open to slip the arms through and gather on a band large enough to just slip over the head when buttoned.

Dusters are always in demand and can be made out of cheese cloth by a very young child—turn a hem and let the child take rather long stitches with mercerized cotton of a bright color.

Sliced Animals—One need not always go to the store for games. Cut pictures out of old magazines, paste them on cardboard, cut in slices with a ruler and sharp knife.

Poetry—The child who writes nicely can copy a bit of sentiment or inspiring thought in a booklet. Cut the letter paper in the shape of a bell or an oak leaf, tint the cover with water color paint, print "Merry Christmas" in bright letters.

Santa Claus' Sister.

JULIA A. WOLCOTT.

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That were brought from over the ocean,
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There were dolls that could waltz and play tennis,
In dresses of satin and silk;
And horses to wind and set trotting,
And cows that you really could milk.

But the eyes of the child that stood by me

Had wandered away from all these,
And the sparkling Christmas angels
And the miniature Christmas trees,

And were scanning the faces about us—
The faces that huddled and pressed,
And looked weary and cross with the effort

Of getting in front of the rest.

When grasping my hand she whispered
With eager, childish grace,
"Oh that must be Santa Claus' sister,
She's got such a Christmas face!"

I looked where her eyes had lighted
And lo! in a threadbare gown
Stood a queer, little, bent old woman,
With a face that was wrinkled and brown.

But the eyes that beamed out from it
Were radiant with love and joy,
As, from 'mong all the beautiful objects
She selected one poor, cheap toy.

And the worn brown face was illumined
With a smile of good-will toward men,
That told more plainly than words might
She was keeping Christmas then.

I glanced at the forms about me;
There were women in rich attire
Whose unearned gold enabled
The purchase of each desire.

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Dear Wives, Mothers and Sisters:

The best advice I can give you at this season is,—make somebody happy on Christmas Day. I wish all the world a peaceful Christmas. So much depends on peace! It is easy to say "I wish you a Merry Christmas!" How much are we willing to do to make somebody a peaceful Christmas? Happiness follows peace and then we can be merry.

I know a family with the husband and father in prison. The brave, patient mother said: "The children must have a Merry Christmas;" so she went bravely to work and had a Christmas tree for her children. The presents were abundant, kind hearts and hands having supplemented the mother's efforts, and the children had a real Merry Christmas that will live in their memory in the years to come. Let us all try to cheer some lonely hearts and homes on Christmas Day. Small gifts with great love are sure to bring happiness.

Mrs. E.:

Do not worry because your husband reads so much, even if it is lonely for you to sit by without a word from him. You say he is employed all day. In that case evening is his only opportunity to read. I have had your experience. But just think how much better it is that he should prefer home and your society rather than the club and many other resorts where men who do not care to read spend their evenings. Your husband knows you are there and he is comfortable in a well-ordered home, and it makes him a better man. All along the journey of life we have to make a sacrifice for each other. Be comforted and look on the bright side of your home life. You say you have a good husband. Your letter interests me. Would that more husbands spent their evenings at home reading!

A dear little eleven-year-old asked me the other day how old I thought girls ought to be before they leave off playing with dolls. I said, "Why, I played with my dolls when I was fourteen!" She said, "my Mamma thinks I am too old now to play with dolls."

Dear mothers, let the girls play with their dolls as long as they will—not to the exclusion of their studies or more important duties, but to keep the girls young. It is a treat nowadays to see young little girls; they grow away from their childhood too quickly.

Mothers, keep your girls near you; let them feel that everything they know can be confided to mother and that she will sympathize. A little girl said in my presence the other day, "I think that is right, but I will ask my mother; she knows everything." I looked into her sweet, innocent face and was glad, and hoped she would always have the same sweet confidence in mother that she has now.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

I come to you for advice; the complaint I bring is a very peculiar one. I live in my sister's family, not as a dependent, but because she needs me and often says money could not pay me for such service as I have given her for years. I have nursed her children through severe illness, and I know they love me; but they call me "old maid" in the presence of strangers and company. I am sensitive and it troubles me. I have spoken to my sister about it, but she says "Don't mind it." I have made up mind it would be better to leave them and go and live by myself, but she is not strong and needs me. Will you advise me, and oblige, L. A.

L. A.:

Do not be troubled by your nieces and nephews do call you an "old maid." The world cannot do without single women. You think it unkind of them;

so do I, if they know it troubles you. But I would not leave my delicate sister; you would worry about her. Young people are thoughtless. I believe if you were to have a real "Heart to Heart" talk with the young people and with your sister, they would be more considerate, and "old maid" would become a thing of the past. Try it, dear. So-called "old maids" are a blessing to the world. Write to me again, but don't leave your sister.

Mrs. Goodwin:

I have been married four years and have been very happy until the last six months, when my husband, through no fault of his own, lost his employment. We have no children. I know that I have been rather extravagant, but now that we have no money I can go back to the office where I was employed as stenographer and earn a good salary. I told my husband this and he approves of my doing so. Do you think if he loves me he would be willing to let me do it? It has troubled me exceedingly and I await your advice and will act accordingly. Mrs. E.

Mrs. E.:

My dear, do not be foolish! You have the same idea that many women have. Now let us reason together. Why should you not help your husband? He did not fail you as long as he could hold his position; now don't fail him. Is it not better that you take your position temporarily again than to ask strangers to trust you, or relatives to provide for you, until your husband is again in a position to provide for his home? Some of the best and bravest women of this city are going daily to business to help their husbands. I could cite many instances, but must not be personal. Be brave, be loyal, and do your best in this emergency. Your friends will respect you and your husband will appreciate your efforts, and it will encourage him to do all he can for himself and for you.

Mrs. S.:

Don't say life is not worth living. Make it worth living, for life is a free gift. Don't insult the Giver by calling it worthless. Your troubles are not beyond remedy, I assure you. Complexities come into all lives, and have done so through all the ages. What your friends and neighbors think is of little consequence to you, compared to your peace of mind and the good of your family. Others cannot see your affairs from your standpoint and you are under no obligations to enlighten them. Don't let your old mother feel that she is a burden to you. Old age has its heritage of infirmity, and none of us can escape it if we live to be old. In the matter you spoke of as troubling you so much, keep your own counsel. If I can assist you, write to me, or come to me personally.

Mrs. W.:

Your letter from the far West received. Your case is peculiar, but easily remedied. You say your sister has come to live in your home and is not congenial to your husband; sees all his faults and none of his good qualities. That is unfortunate and no doubt makes you unhappy. You say your husband is a good man and you love him, but he latterly spends his evenings away from home on account of your sister.

Let me suggest that you kindly advise your sister to go somewhere else to live, as she is self-supporting. She certainly has no right to disturb the happiness of your home; it might lead to serious results. Reason the case with her lovingly, and I am sure she will see that it is better that she visit you, but not live in your home. Try this plan, dry your tears and spend no more sleepless nights. Let me hear from you again.

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Mother—count these happy days,
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Round them out with ceaseless praise;
God's great love is on you set.
When the little lads are still
Sheltered in your guardian care,
Yours to mould them as you will,
Not a darling missing there.
When the lads are bearded men,
When the little maids have grown
And the children leave you, then
Making homes their very own;

When you can not tell at night
Where your best beloved are,
East and West and out of sight,
O'er the wide world scattered far;
One a sailor on the wave,
One a soldier in the strife,
One low lying in the grave;
Defeated one in woes of life.

Mother—then your heart may ache;
Happy days you're spending now,
When the little frocks you make,
Part the ringlets on each brow,
Hear the little daily tasks,
Soothe the passing childish grief
That of Mother ever asks,
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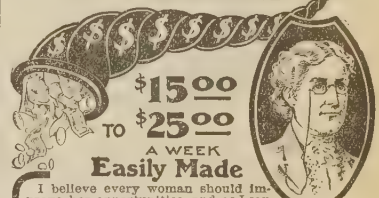
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EDITORIAL.

Enter the Contest.

Our word hunting contest is attracting much attention and as this is the last issue in which the announcement will appear we trust that our readers will look it up in this issue and study out the words which may be made from the letters. It will be found to be educational as it is necessary to consult the dictionary often to make sure that the words are correct. Encourage the children to enter the contest, they may win a prize in addition to the advantage gained from studying out the words.

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Please turn to page one of this issue and read our great coupon offer. It is a very liberal one. We have had the pleasure of making many remittances for commissions to those who have mailed them to friends. Why not you? Send out the four coupons any way as a trial—we will furnish more if you desire them.

Our Family Physician.

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We regret that the management of the St. Louis Exposition made no provision for an exhibition of fruit by different nurserymen, such competitive exhibition as would have added greatly to the interest of fruit growers in the display.

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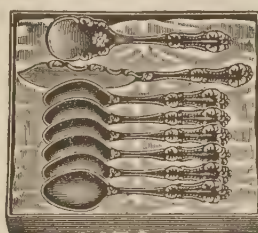


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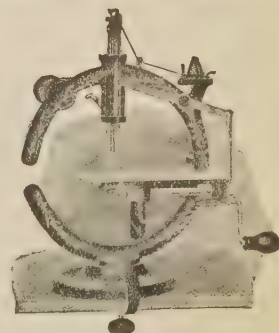
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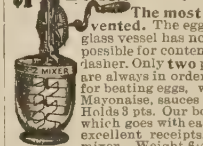
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Our Family Physician.

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If you are sick we advise you to consult the Vicks Family Physician—if you are not paid in advance subscriber to Vicks it will pay you to become one at once. See our special coupon and clubbing offers in this issue.

What is the quickest and most effectual way to relieve a person choking?—A. L. H., Mass.

Answer—Do not follow the advice given in a recent publication for the relief of a child with a morsel of food in its windpipe. The advice was to seize both hands and hold the arms straight up. The theory given was that the expansion of the chest would remove the obstruction. No theory could be more erroneous, because no air can get into the chest except through the windpipe and rushing in through the windpipe the air would only carry the obstruction farther down.

A person suffocating or choking should hang head downward and be struck smartly on the back. If a child, hold him up by the heels and slap sharply on the back. If two persons are in the room, one should hold the child up as directed and the other should place one hand against his chest to steady it and slap the back with the other hand. The compression of the chest between the two hands will in nearly every case remove the obstruction by forcing it out by pressure of the air behind it.

If this treatment does not relieve, the obstruction is probably in the meat pipe and in this case the danger is not quite so imminent as the patient can likely breathe enough to keep alive. In this case run your finger down his throat and if you can reach the offending material, remove it.

If you fail in either reaching or removing it, tickle the throat with the finger to provoke vomiting. This will throw out the foreign body. A lady patient of mine once became terribly frightened by seeing her little child who was playing on the floor turn black in the face from having gotten her thumb into its windpipe. She seized the child under her arm and rushed with it, head downward, out of the house to find a physician. The jolting of the child and the weight of the thumb loosed the latter and it rolled to the ground and the child was saved enroute. Act quickly as every effort to breathe or swallow forces the obstruction farther down. And if the air is entirely shut off the patient will die. So that while doing what you can someone should be running for a physician.

If a fishbone or other obstruction is partially swallowed and still gives trouble try to carry it down by swallowing partially chewed bread-crusts or crackers. These should be moistened enough in chewing to prevent their injuring the throat, but not entirely softened.

If a bone, or a needle or a pin, or other obstruction is lodged in the throat and does not move easily, stop working at it; do not swallow more than is necessary and see a surgeon at once. If you have not driven it too far down he may be able to remove it.

If a child swallows a button, a coin, or other indigestible, non-poisonous substance, do not be alarmed. Let the food be such cereals as oat meal, cracked wheat or coarse hominy, or boiled, baked or mashed potato, with bread and butter for variety. This will give substance enough to carry the article out of the stomach into the bowel, when nature will carry it off. A New York lady recently in great excitement telephoned her physician that her little boy had swallowed a nickel and would he come right over and get it up. "Well," answered the doctor, "I suppose so, but its

only five cents and if I come and get it I will charge you two dollars." "But doctor, what shall I do?" "Feed him on oat meal and watch results." She did so and recovered the nickel in due time.

If a person has taken poison what remedies should be used?—E. G. B., Iowa.

Answer.—If a person has swallowed a caustic alkali, lime, soda, potash, ammonia or lye, give him at once to drink plenty of warm water containing vinegar or lemon juice. The acid of vinegar or lemon neutralizes the caustic and the warm water provokes vomiting. Not having the lemons or vinegar, feed him apple sauce, or any sour sauce or cider; none of these being at hand, have him eat sour apples or any acid fruit. If the poison swallowed is an acid give him lime water, cooking soda or ammonia dissolved in warm water; or soap suds. If the nature of the poison is not known, have the patient swallow quantities of milk and warm water, equal parts, meantime sending for a physician. If much weakened by the poison, give stimulants. Never stop giving warm water, to which a little ground mustard or ipecac should be added if handy, until you have caused free vomiting. After swallowing plenty of warm water, if it does not come up tickle the throat inside with the finger or a feather, until the stomach empties itself.

What is the best antidote for carbolic acid?—M. E. M., New Jersey.

Answer.—Carbolic acid is a most dangerous chemical, and although found so commonly in the household, and in such frequent use and so carelessly used, it should be kept plainly labeled and used only when largely diluted. It is the most frequent cause of poisoning in the American home today. Its action is rapid, deadly, and its effect agonizing. Glycerine is its best solvent and one who has swallowed carbolic acid is fortunate indeed to be able to seize and swallow at once two to four times as much glycerine as he has taken of carbolic acid. Second, drink milk and warm water in quantities and a good stiff dose of whiskey, brandy or dilute alcohol. Next to these wine is valuable. Admitting that alcohol is a poison, it is an antidote to carbolic acid, and in this case should be taken as promptly, and freely as any other antidotal poison to save life.

Local Burning by Carbolic Acid.

If you have gotten strong carbolic acid on any part of the body wipe it off at once, then rub the part thoroughly with glycerine, then wash off with clear water. Do not be deceived because you feel nothing at first—it does not cause burning or smarting—but in a few minutes there is a very unpleasant sensation of pricking and numbness.

What treatment should be given for burns?—C. E. S., Illinois.

Answer.—It is surprising how few people know that the best remedy, quickest and only perfect relief from the pain of a burn is to plunge the part into cool water. The effect is magical. The pain stops at once. Hold the part under water a few minutes, then wrap in cloths dipped in cold water, changing as often as the pain returns. I believe the only cure for extensive burns is to put the patient in a cool or tepid, not cold, bath and leave him there, just keeping the water a trifle cooler than the pain point.

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In The Garden

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December Days and Their Duties.

These are the days (if such days ever come in the gardener's life) when there ought to be a sort of respite from the ordinary rustle and bustle of life. Days when we may look about us and find less of pressing duties than at any other season of the year.

Now that there is a lull in the more exacting labors of the past months, let us keep a "weather eye" to the future and see if there can not be plans made that will lighten the labors of next season. With us, November has been a busy month securing the winter crops, and preparing the soil for an early start in the spring. So while I write of more leisure ahead, I find some of the past month's work lapping over into the present, and enough of it I think to keep me from rusting out.

Some of the Things to do.

Now that we have the winter days ahead of us, there are many home contrivances that if completed during the odd hours of the present month, will hasten the work of spring and also the maturing of the early vegetables. We speak of these things thus early, that they may be in readiness for the early work and the time of preparing them will never be missed.

Hot Bed Soil.

Secure an ample supply of this, before too freezing weather sets in. Pile it up in conical shape, or cover the ground from where it is to be taken so that it shall not freeze too solidly. Of course the action of the frost will be beneficial, but it does not require freezing until it must be blasted out, or else waiting until warm weather before it can be handled. Do this now, and much time will be gained in spring.

Hot Bed Sash.

I suspect that many of us have suffered some loss during the past season by breakage of glass. Some broken panes may be repaired or patched and thus made good for some time to come. Others will need to be replaced with new glass. Broken lights or especially holes in the glass are serious enemies and work all sorts of injuries to young plants, and so the sash should be put in order before time to use them. Breaks in the putty should also be mended as the wood rots quickly when the water is allowed to soak in. Then, too, a new coat of paint will very likely add much to the looks and durability of the sash. "A stitch in time, etc.," is equally true of these as of other matters in practical life.

Plant Protectors.

We have found a simple device made of heavy tarred paper very helpful to the early-set plants. They should be made of the heaviest grade of building paper, and may be cut in strips of any desired width and length. The width of the strips will be the height of the protectors, and the length will of course, be the diameter. Bend the strips round like a band box and lap the ends, say, an inch. With a sharp knife, make an incision through the lap at top and bottom and fasten with brass paper fasteners. If desired, covers may be made of the same material cut in squares an inch or two larger than the diameter. They are very cheaply made and are also very helpful in cold, stormy or windy weather.

Another Kind.

Most of us know full well how the cucumber beetles and squash bugs wreck our hopes sometimes, and our early cucumbers and squashes materialize, if at all, in the minus quantity. Well, we are able to circumvent that to a great extent; and find ordinary wooden boxes ten

to twelve inches square and five to six inches in depth to be just what we need. Ordinary soap boxes are convenient, and if properly sawed will make two. Any kind, however, will do only so they are large enough to give the plants room as they grow. Tack tarleton or ordinary cheese cloth tightly over the tops and set them over the hills when planted or as soon as they break through the ground. This gives light and air and the plants will grow without harm until they press the covers to considerable extent. The boxes must be closely banked with soil to prevent the bugs working under them. The plants will ordinarily grow more rapidly than in the open ground, and it is a great relief to feel that they can grow unmolested while their enemies must seek other fields for their operations.

Rhubarb.

We are preparing to force considerable rhubarb this winter; and as yet, the roots are not dug. Fruit has been so plentiful that we thought better prices would be obtained later in the winter, when the supply of common apples would be exhausted. So we did not care to dig the roots too early, only so we could secure them before the ground freezes sufficiently to prevent digging. As yet, we have no regular forcing cellars or shed so we shall use the house cellar which is 30x65 feet. This gives ample space for quite extended operations; and is entirely unobjectionable as no odor or dampness arises from the work. Very likely, arrangements will be made for heating the house with a furnace. If so, that will furnish ample heat for the forcing; but in absence of this, oil or gas-line stoves will be used. The cellar bottom is concrete, so we shall cover it an inch or two thick with soil, especially if the roots are not well covered when dug. The labor of digging and putting the clumps into the cellar is considerable and not of the easiest kind, but with this accomplished there is but little more to do. For those in reach of markets the work is profitable from a commercial standpoint; and for home use, it is so easily in reach of every family that none need do without it.

In Conclusion.

For this and next month, the writer will not weary our readers with very long sermons for it is the time now for thinking and planning. To aid us all in these important things we want to ask every interested member of our family to think and plan hard and fast. Put some of those thoughts and plans into brief letters for use in this department. Tell us what you plan to do and how you intend to do it, also write out the things that are troubling you, and upon which you need light or advice, and more than likely they will be just the things that are vexing others. Make these wants known in brief letters addressed to this department and we assure all our readers that they shall have fair treatment and the best help we are able to give. We desire that this department shall grow better and better each month and be the most helpful to its readers of any garden department published. To this end we ask the help of all, and in thus aiding ourselves we assist others.

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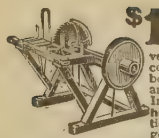
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Fruit Notes

Keeping Apples.

Many conditions aside from varietal characteristics influence the keeping qualities of apples, among which are the soil of the orchard, whether it be in sod or cultivated, weather of growing season, especially the latter part of it, presence or absence of fungi, degree of coloration of fruit, size, ripeness, manner of handling, and kind of storage.

Baldwins grown on sandy or gravelly soil ripen earlier, must be picked earlier, and have a higher color than those grown on clay, but they do not keep so well. Apples grown in sod attain a higher color and keep longer than those grown under clean culture. Ordinarily, apples keep better when the season has been dry, rather than wet, and when the month of October has been cool rather than warm. The character of the weather has much to do with the next factor, presence of fungi, for a warm, moist season is favorable to nearly all the fungous diseases of the apple, and a scabby apple or one infected with any of the rots is a very poor investment for the storage man. Indeed, only prime fruit ordinarily should be stored, for number two fruit not only yields small profit from storage, but it hurts the sale of number one fruit. Overgrown specimens do not keep so well as fruit of ordinary size. Well-colored fruit usually keeps best, but it should not be allowed to remain on the tree so long for the sake of color that it suffers in firmness. For cold storage, fruit should not be so ripe or highly colored as is best for ordinary storage. Greenings are said to hold best in cold storage when the bloom will rub off, leaving the skin smooth and shiny, and the same rule applies less markedly to Baldwins.

Methods of harvesting, packing and handling in transportation have the greatest influence on keeping quality. Handlers of apples sometimes roll barrels of fruit, allowing them to strike against other barrels. This rough handling may bruise the fruit almost to the middle of the barrel. But sometime varieties are more easily injured by rough handling than are others. Northern Spy is one of the easiest to bruise, and barrels are often found to go down in storage early on this account. Tolman Sweet and Yellow Bellflower are very sensitive to rough handling.

Most storage men believe that apples should go into storage as soon as picked. Others believe that with some varieties it may be well to allow the fruit to lie on straw on the ground for two or three weeks to secure higher color. If any disease be present, the sooner fruit is put into refrigeration the better.

With varieties that ripen very unevenly, like McIntosh, Oldenburg and Fall Pippin, it is probably best to make two or three pickings, so that fruit of fairly uniform ripeness may be stored. It is impossible to give in any brief way the differences which mark varieties, so that topic is not discussed here.

Farmers Advocate.

A Dozen Good Apples.

I can make out a general list of a dozen varieties that will make excellent returns almost anywhere in the apple belt. Almost always one or two of these will not be adapted to a special locality. I suppose the writer refers to winter sorts, although his note does not say so. On that supposition I would select (1) Northern Spy, (2) Baldwin, (3) Spitzenberg, (4) Hubbardston, (5) Rhode Island Greening, (6) Grimes Golden Pippin, (7) Jonathan, (8) McIntosh Red, (9) Sutton Beauty, (10) Wagoner, (11) York Imperial, (12) Roxbury Russet. On some soils Golden Russet is better than Roxbury Russet. The Jonathan and Grimes Golden do not thrive as well on clay soil as on lighter soil, and they must be well fed in any soil. Although this is a good market list of winter apples, it leaves out the King apples, because this apple is not universally successful and needs high grafting on old trees. It leaves out the superb Swaar for the same reason. Both of these

apples are magnificent when at their best. For a winter sweet apple Lady Sweet is sometimes very fine, but sometimes good for neither home use nor market. The new Dauchy Sweet, I think, will prove to be a great winter apple. Pound Sweet, if carefully handled and grown on open trees, will keep all winter. I have left out of the list some of the very promising new apples, which I think we shall have to reckon with surely.

E. P. Powell in Tribune Farmer.

Dimensions of an Apple Box.

In the issue of "The Tribune Farmer" dated September 3, 1903, the following communication was printed, written by George A. Cochrane, the great apple exporter, of Boston:

The case I advocate holds just about a half barrel. I have had growers' experiment with it extensively, so that now it is admitted that it is safe to ship any of the red varieties of fall apples, and, where the fruit is well selected, I have been enabled, through my agents in Europe, to net growers as much for a box as for a barrel, and for varieties that heretofore have been too delicate to stand the voyage in barrels.

This box is somewhat similar to the orange case. It can be made of any kind of wood. The ends and the middle pieces of the box should be made of three-fourths inch wood and should be 12½ inches long and wide. The pieces forming the sides, top and bottom should be made of three-eighths inch wood, be 28½ inches long, and should consist of two or three pieces for each side, the top and the bottom, and in nailing the box together these pieces should be kept one-fourth inch apart for ventilation. The two pieces forming the ends should be planed on one side, so as to mark on them. These end and middle pieces can be made of two pieces, but they must be put together with dowel pins and glued. The rest of the box can be made of fine grained lumber, and in nailing up two-inch nails should be used. In putting the box together the two pieces of wood forming the ends should have the grain of the wood the same way, but the grain of the middle pieces should be in the opposite direction to that of the two ends. This makes the box stronger and less liable to break in rough handling. The dimensions of the box when put together are 28½ inches long, 13½ inches deep and 13½ inches wide, and it should cost from fourteen to sixteen cents. Almost any sawmill can get us these for growers. I am confident that the box will soon be the universal package for apples, and that the barrel is doomed. It is a barbarous package to use for fruit.

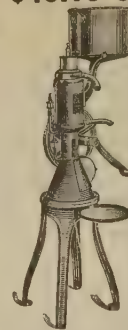
No one understands the demands of the apple trade better than Mr. Cochrane, and his advice may be followed with confidence. If one is to ship apples in barrel quantities there appears to be no good reason why the form of the package needs changing. If you wish a bushel box, you may reduce the measurements given above to suit your purpose; but why increase your labor and cost of lumber? One size for all is desirable.

Cold Storage.

Why not have a cold storage room somewhere on the farm? Winter apples may be kept in such a place until spring, thus avoiding the necessity of marketing the fruit at unprofitable times. A friend of mine has such a place built in one part of his barn—a double-walled, double-doored, paper-lined space wherein he stores many hundred bushel crates of selected fruit. He says that the main essentials are to keep out heat and frost from the room. On cool nights he leaves the doors open, shutting them again when the sun begins to warm things up in the morning—the idea being to use cold air instead of ice for reducing the room's temperature. He aims to get the temperature in the room as low as possible without freezing the apples, and then hold it there. Night air is cheaper than ice, he says, and about as good.

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Farm Notes

Checking Rot in Potatoes.

A thoroughly satisfactory treatment for checking rot in potatoes is yet to be found. What has proved best in my experience is, first, keeping the storage cellar at a temperature as near thirty-five to thirty-eight degrees as possible; second, sorting the potatoes after they have completed their sweat in case any indication of wet rot is shown, to prevent the rot spreading from the decaying tubers to the sound ones. Dry rot is very rarely, if at all, transmitted from one potato to another.

If the potatoes are left in pits in the field to sweat, prior to putting them in the cellar, they will usually show rot that may be in them when they are taken from the pit. Potatoes which are nearly clean of dirt usually show more rapid spread of the wet rot than do potatoes which are covered with a considerable coating of dry soil. Possibly the reason for this may be the fact that the dry soil is not a good medium for passage of the rot from one potato to another.

American Agriculturist.

More Leisure.

When winter comes, and no corn is found unhusked in the field, the usual supply of food is to be cut, drawn and piled under the woodshed. With plenty of wood, the farmer may bid defiance to the coal strikers. When the ice house is filled, which should be as soon as the ice is six inches thick—(lest there come a thaw)—the average farmer will not have much to do except to take care of his stock, milk the cows, read the papers, and go a visiting. Winter is the best time for farmers to take their vacation, and is about the only time they can leave home without much detriment to their business. As at this season they do not care for the mountain resorts, the fashionable watering places or the seashore, let them take their families on the excursion train, and go to the nearest city and view the sights. *American Cultivator.*

Good Whitewashes.

We are frequently asked how to prepare a good whitewash for use in stable and henhouses, and having noticed the following recipes published in reliable English contemporary, and said to have been thoroughly tested, we give them for what they are worth. It is stated that they will not rub off, as does the ordinary lime and water mixture:

1. Slake in boiling water one-half bushel of lime, keeping it just fairly covered with water during the process. Strain it to remove the sediment that will fall to the bottom, and add to it a peck of salt dissolved in warm water; three pounds of ground rice, boiled in water to thin paste; one-half pound powdered Spanish whiting, and one pound of clear glue, dissolved in warm water. Mix the different ingredients thoroughly, and let the mixture stand for several days. When ready for use apply it hot. If a less quantity is desired, use in the same proportions.

2. A good whitewash for use on outside work may be prepared as follows: Slake in boiling water one half-bushel of lime, and strain as before. Add to this two pounds of sulphate of zinc and one pound of salt, dissolved in water. If any color but white is desired, add about three pounds of the desired coloring matter, such as painters use in preparing their paints. Yellow ochre will make a beautiful cream color, and browns, reds and various shades of green are equally easily obtained.

3. Another excellent wash, lasting almost as well as ordinary paint, may be prepared for outside work as follows: Slake in boiling water one half-bushel of lime. Strain, so as to remove all sediment. Add two pounds of sulphate of zinc, one pound common salt and one-half pound whiting, thoroughly dissolved. Mix to proper consistency with skimmed milk, and apply hot. If white is not desired, add enough coloring matter to produce the desired shade. Those who have tried this recipe consider it much superior, both in appearance and

durability, to ordinary washes, and some have not hesitated to declare that it compares very favorably with good lead paints. It is much cheaper than paint, and gives the houses and yards to which it is applied very attractive appearance. *Farmers Advocate.*

Making Cider-Vinegar.

Take sound barrels, or suitable vessels of wood, earthenware or glass—never iron, copper or tin—clean thoroughly, and scald. Fill not more than half full with the cider stock, which should have fermented at least one month. To this add one-fourth its volume of old vinegar. (This is a very necessary part of the process, since the vinegar restrains the growth of chance ferments which abound in the air, and at the same time it favors the true acetic acid ferment.) Next add to the liquid a little "mother of vinegar." If this latter is not at hand, a fairly pure culture may be made by exposing in a shallow uncovered crock or wooden pail a mixture of one-half old vinegar and one-half hard cider. The room where this is exposed should have a temperature of about eighty degrees Fahrenheit. In three or four days the surface should become covered with a gelatinous pellicle, or cap. This is the "mother of vinegar." A little of this carefully removed with a wooden spoon or a stick should be laid gently upon the surface of the cider prepared as above described. Do not stir it in.

The vinegar ferment grows only at the surface. In three days the cap should have spread entirely over the fermenting cider. Do not break this cap thereafter so long as the fermentation continues. If the temperature is right the fermentation should be completed in from four to six weeks. The vinegar should then be drawn off, strained through thick white flannel, corked or bunged tightly, and kept in a cool place until wanted for consumption. If the vinegar remains turbid after ten days, stir into a barrel one pint of a solution of half a pound of isinglass in one quart of water. As soon as settled, rack off, and store in tight vessels. Usually no fining of vinegar is needed. No pure cider-vinegar will keep long in vessels exposed to the air at a temperature above sixty degrees Fahrenheit. "Vinegar eels" are sometimes troublesome in vinegar barrels. To remove these, heat the vinegar scalding hot, but do not boil. When cool, strain through clean flannel, and the "eels" will be removed.

In making cider vinegar, the strength of the product or per cent by weight of the acetic acid in it will be a little less than the per cent by weight of the alcohol of the cider. A little of the alcohol remains unfermented, and serves to give the desired flavor or bouquet to the vinegar. *Geral McCarthy, North Carolina Experiment Station.*

Feminine Dairy Wisdom.

The best evidence that a cow has the right kind of food and sufficient food is a sleek, soft skin.

Utilize all food to help carry the cows in winter quarters in the best of health and thrift.

Pumpkins fed with the grain will result in an increase in the yield of milk over grain fed alone.

Sweet apples are also most valuable; not one should go to waste.

Sour apples may be fed, but very carefully, as they sometimes make the mouth sore.

Look out as the cold nights come that the cows are in their stalls and have a good supply of fodder—all they will eat up clean.

Exposure to cold, storms and short, frost bitten pastures will reduce them so much that the whole winter will be a loss.

Let all the sunshine in the stables that is possible. Dark stables are always damp. Damp stables are an abomination.

Arrange a warm, sunny, cozy corner for the calves, and give them a chance to be happy and thrifty. Their future usefulness depends upon it. —*Farm Journal.*

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In working out this puzzle you can have the satisfaction that, even if you should not win one of the numerous prizes, you are being more than repaid for your work by the diversion and mental exercise resulting from the word hunt. If you should win a prize—and why not?—you could probably make good use of it. Even Uncle Sam now conducts prize drawings in the form of annual sales of dead letter treasure-trove by auction in sealed packages, and of his distribution of public lands by lot, and he recognizes that it makes people happy to get something by way of a prize. This is human nature.

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Practical Pointers.

It takes from ten to twelve weeks to grow a broiler.

Exercise is the best tonic known for laying hens, and it should be given daily.

Do not neglect the litter in the scratching pen, by allowing it to decrease or be come filthy and damp. Keep a full supply.

To have good wholesome meat and eggs do not allow the hens to work on manure heaps nor in any other filthy place, good fresh earth and clean litter is the thing.

A well to do farmer stated to me recently that his hens did not pay, that they needed more "babying" than any other stock on the farm, and he did not like them, so he had disposed of all but about a dozen. He made a very "bright move," and there are thousands of others that should "follow suit."

A neighbor of ours started two years ago selling a few fresh eggs to village families, and has now worked the trade up to about 100 dozen a week; these people who buy of him will not eat a store egg now. After a person has once found out the difference between a fresh egg that is laid by well and well fed hens they will no longer use eggs from the grocery. There are many poultry keepers who might secure a nice trade like this; it will come a little slow at first, but if you give the people the right kind of goods it won't be long before the trade will begin to increase, and from that on it will be easy.

The drinking dishes are important utensils in the hen house, and especially during the season when the hens are shut in. Any kind of a vessel that sits on the floor is of very little account, for it soon gets filled up with litter or dirt. If you have no regular fountain, a gallon tin pail will answer very well. Hang it on a hook so the top of the dish will be 8 or 10 inches up from the floor. If there are chickens in the flock a block may be placed along side of the dish for these to get up on. I prefer covered fountains either of stone ware or galvanized iron, and if I have them to buy, would never get tin, as they soon rust and are more expensive in the end. Some protect their fountains by placing slats in front of them, but this makes it more unhandy to get to them to clean and fill, which should be done at least once daily, and it is advisable to rinse them out every other day with boiling water and carbolic acid, so no germs of disease will propagate therein.

If you have room to keep chickens it is probable that you have space to grow some green food for them to eat. Lettuce is one of the easiest plants grown, and quite a bunch of it may be grown on a very small plot, and as a green food it is excellent. I shall try some Swiss chard this year for poultry. It is easy to raise and a rapid grower, and it is fine for table use as greens, and I believe will be suitable for poultry. A friend who has only two city lots keeps 60 fowls all the time and raises many chickens. He sows rape in his yards and after it gets about 6 inches high turns the hens in and lets them eat it, and in the meantime a patch is growing in another yard. If more of the country poultry raisers would follow the plans of our city brethren they would find poultry keeping more profitable. As it is they only get about one half as many eggs as they should and many of these are lost in warm weather by the hens wandering all over the farm, and besides this the hens do much damage to field crops and the garden. Yard the hens up and try the soiling system.

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The chicks and hens were put in a double coop in an old apple orchard of about half an acre where our turkeys were reared. They were energetic, cheerful little creatures perfectly willing to scratch for a living. One died when a week old from no apparent cause. The others grew rapidly. One was killed by a hawk when about three months old.

Nine pullets and five cockerels reached maturity. We were so well pleased that we decided to buy a cockerel to mate with these, and thus have a breeding pen.

We built a house 6 ft. square, 4½ ft. high in front, 3½ ft. at the back. There was a window containing nine panes of 10 x 12 glass in the south side, also a small exit for fowls; a door in the east end, and a small window opposite for ventilation. This window had no glass, was covered with wire on the outside, and could be closed with a wooden shutter from the inside. Two 12-inch boards were placed along the north side forming a platform to catch the droppings, two poles the thickness of a man's wrist were placed above them. One nest box was hung on the wall and another was placed on the dropping boards. A yard was enclosed with sixteen rods of five foot poultry netting. Two and a half days covered the time for building the house, getting the perches and fence posts, and putting up the fence.

Lumber cost \$3.40; nails, ten cents; hinges and lock, twenty-five cents; glass and putty, sixty cents; an old window sash was used. Cost of materials for house, \$4.35. The fencing wire was \$5.00, bringing the outlay for house and yard to \$9.35. The eggs from which our nine pullets were hatched cost \$1.75; and we had sold five cockerels raised from those eggs. Our new cockerel cost \$2.10. Our outlay for stock was \$3.85. Total outlay, \$14.20, for house, yard and fowls.

One pullet died February 17, after laying twelve eggs. Ten chicks were hatched from them, and nine were raised.

From the eight pullets remaining we hatched 119 chicks in April, 105 in May and forty-three in June, a total of 267 chicks from eight pullets. We raised 216 of them, ninety-two were pullets.

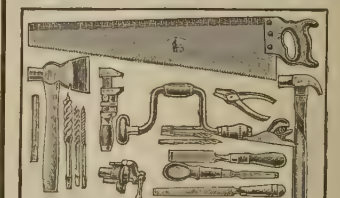
As said in the beginning this is as large a flock as the average, and is a much more valuable one. We were paid a cent a pound more for the little cockerels we sold as fryers; and as they are plump they make the best of broilers and fryers.

The hens and pullets are larger than the barnyard fowl; so they bring more when sold, and there is more meat when one is wanted for the table. Those eight pullets laid nearly 1,500 eggs that year, which is far better than the average. So they are more profitable from even the market standpoint than the ordinary barn-yard hens; and they are usually the most profitable stock on the farm.

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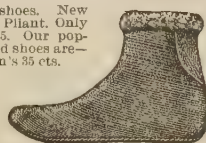
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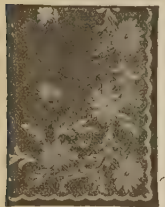
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The Christmas Fairy.

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strangers often stopped. Tim knew, for he had sometimes earned pennies by holding horses for them. But the road was empty now, and as far as his eyes could see there were neither folk nor fairies awake in the world that night. No fairies! It must be true, then! And he was slipping back through the half-opened door, when a low laugh sounded around the corner of the cabin and in a minute more a tiny creature, danced up to him.

There were sparkling jewels among her soft furs and on her wide white plumed hat. There were dimples in her pink cheeks and sunlight and blue sky in her laughing eyes.

"The saints be good to us!" whispered Tim. "It's a fairy! For sure it is!"

"Why, yes I'm Fairy," said the wonderful little creature before him, "but how did you know?"

"Sure, and wouldn't I know ye were too pretty for anything else," answered Tim, with true Irish gallantry. And ye can come right inside; the stockings is all ready for ye. Oh, it's true; it's true; and there's fairies, after all!" he cried, hugging himself with delight.

But before the fairy could answer there were sounds of carriage wheels and footsteps and cries of "Fairy, Fairy, where are you?"

"Here I am," laughed the little girl, "and here's a boy that knows me, but I don't know him." And then she was caught up in the arms of a tall man and hugged and kissed by a handsome woman, and lastly petted and scolded by a fat woman such as Tim had never seen before, with a very black face, and very white teeth that glistened in the moonlight.

This strange woman kept calling the fairy "Honey" and saying over and over again something about thinking "the blessed darlin' was asleep" and that she herself would "nebbber sleep no mo' for thinkin' of dis night." Then they all started for the carriage again and Tim's heart sank. The fairy was going away and the stockings were still empty.

"But I want to tell the boy good-night," cried out the tiny creature just as they were lifting her in. She scrambled down again and held out her hand to the forlorn little boy on the steps.

"How did you know my name?" she said.

"Oh, ye will come in, won't ye, and fill the stockings?" pleaded Tim.

"He thinks her a real fairy," whispered the woman in the carriage. "Let her give him something." And from under the seat the man pulled an armful of parcels of all sizes and shapes.

"We can get her more things before morning," the woman was saying, and before Tim could more than blink his eyes his arms were full of things and in his hand shone a bit of gold.

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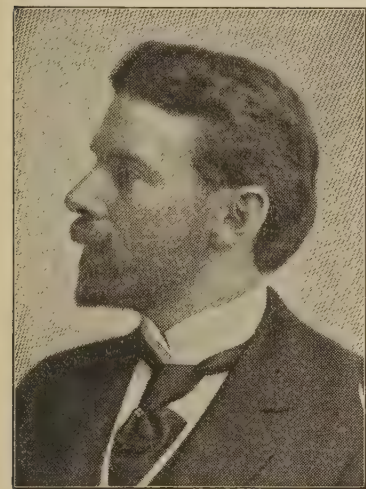
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It may seem that some of their proverbs were taken from us, but we must remember that many of these proverbs were current in Japan before Caesar was born, or America discovered.

The following are expressions for what is impossible:

To build a bridge to the clouds; to throw a stone at the sun; to scatter a fog with a fan; to dip up the ocean with the hand.

There's a thorn on the rose. Good doctrine needs no miracles.

The fly seeks out the diseased spot, as people do in their neighbors' character. As different as the moon is from a tortoise.

The natives of the islands in the four seas are better boatmen than cooks, too many of whom spill the broth, but, with too many boatmen the boat runs up a hill.

Regard an old man as thy father. The fortune teller cannot tell his own fortune.

The Doctor does not keep himself well. A narrow-minded man, or bigot, looks at the heavens through a reed.

Our "cat in a strange garret" is changed into the more dignified figure of "a hermit in the market place."

The dilatory man seeing the lion, begins to whet his arrows.

The beaten soldier fears even the tops of the tall grass.

Fighting sparrows fear not man. Only a tidbit to a ravenous mouth.

By losing, gain. Give opportunity to genius.

To give an iron club to a devil is to give riches to a bad man.

While the hunter looks afar after birds they fly up and escape at his feet.

The ignorant man is gentle. Akin to "The heart knoweth its own bitterness" is, The sage sickens; the beautiful woman is unhappy.

Every one suffers either from his pride or sinfulness.

Even a calamity, left alone for three years, may turn into a fortune.

No danger of a stone being burned. Even a running horse needs the whip.

Birds flock on the thick branches. The fox borrowed the tiger's power.

Giving wings to a tiger. Dark is the lantern's base, while the light streams far abroad; (people must go to a distance to learn the news about things at home.)

Heaven does not kill a man (no one is utterly crushed by calamity.)

A curse comes not from a god with whom one has no concern; (men are not to be punished by a god of whom they have never heard.)

Like jumping into the fire with a bundle of wood.

Having enquired seven times, believe the common report.

Even the worm that eats smartweed, to his taste; (every one to his liking.)

If in a hurry, go round; (the longest way round is the shortest way home).

The more haste the less speed.

The head is concealed, but the back is exposed.

The poet, though he does not go abroad sees all the renowned places.

The sage keeps his child's heart till he is sixty.

Talk of a person and his shadow appears.

Disease enters by the mouth. Like walking on thin ice; (like a politician before election day.)

To give a thief a key. Like scratching the foot with the shoe on.

Like placing a child near a well. One hair of nine oxen; (small fraction.)

Like the crow that imitated the crow-morant.

Like spitting against the wind; (said of a wicked slander against a good man.)

The decree of the Mikado is like perspiration; (it can never go back.)

The frog in the well knows not the great ocean.

To dam up the great ocean with the hand.

The ocean does not mind the dust; (a great man lives down slander.)

The ocean being wide cannot be all seen at once; (great subject cannot be treated fairly by a bigot.)

Too dip out the water of the ocean with a small shell.

Better nourish a dog than an unfaithful servant.

To have one's hand bitten by the dog it feeds.

It is easier to beget children than to care for them.

Catching a thief to find him your own son.

Don't trust a pigeon to carry grain; (don't send one man to bring back another from a place of pleasure lest he also be tempted.)

Love leaves with the red petticoat; (only unmarried girls wear it.)

The spawn of frogs will become but frogs.

Only a tailor's promise. The walls have ears. Pitchers have spouts.

Deaf men speak loudly. There is no medicine for a fool.

You cannot rivet a nail in potato custard.

He wishes to do both—to eat the poisoned delicacy and live.

By searching the old, learn the new. The tortures of hell are graded according to the amount of money one has.

The rat-catching cat hides her claws. If you keep a tiger you will have nothing but trouble.

An ugly woman shuns the looking glass. Poverty leads to theft.

To aim a gun in the darkness; (In vain.)

The more words the less sense. Like the peeping of a blind man through a hedge.

A charred stick is easily kindled. Who steals money is killed. Who steals a country is a king.

If you do not enter the tiger's den you cannot get her cub.

In mending the horn he killed the ox. The best thing in travelling is a companion; in the world, kindness.

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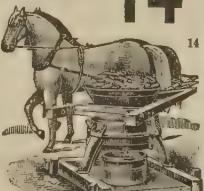
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The Apotheosis of Editha

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posing as possible on what promised to be a momentous occasion. She had not known the girl all her life for nothing, and she was already sure that she had won her point.

"Some one to see you, dear," she said. "He asked for Miss VanBrunt by mistake, and I went down."

"As if there were not a pair of us!" commented Editha absently, giving another peep at her reflection in the mirror. She showed no curiosity as to whom her visitor might be, and Miss Sally did not see fit to enlighten her.

"That white dress looks rather cold, with only your pearls," said Miss Sally critically, "take them off and put on your cameos." True to her girlish boast, Editha had made her cameos fashionable, and they never failed to attract notice wherever she wore them. She obediently made the change, kissed her aunt good-night, and gathering her train well up in her hand, ran lightly down the stairs.

George had gone to the door of the room, and in his restlessness was watching for her as she came from the landing above, the soft rose-shaded lights, the elegance of the surroundings flashing over him in an instant, before any other emotion, as the fitting environment for the small, exquisite woman who was moving toward him, her eyes cast down to watch lest the absurd little high-heeled shoes should catch in the filmy silken folds of the gown she was holding away from them.

"Why dear me!" she cried as her eyes met his, and she held out her hands. Still looking her straight in the eyes, he drew her within the room, closed the door, and bending down, kissed her as he had done that day in the cars, deliberately and quite as a matter of course. It was a master stroke—if he had hesitated, and seemed to question his right, Editha would in an instant have remembered every odious comparison she had ever made in her own mind, or had ever provoked from Miss Sally, but for the one sweet moment, they both forgot all doubts and fears; all differences in environment.

"Why did you not write me you were coming?" she asked at last. They were sitting side by side on a sofa, he holding her small hand close in his own big brown one, and looking at her as though he could scarcely identify this very much dressed-up young lady, with the Editha of the short grey skirt, and the crimson scarf who had kept so many trysts with him in Willow Glade.

"I did not know it myself until just before I started," he replied, and straightway proceeded to blunder, for he remembered his errand, and it was weighing on him, that here, Editha was in her proper atmosphere. He could not keep before him that scarlet fringe around that other face, when this so like, and so unlike it, was framed in a fluff of hair, with a tall aigrette, and the sparkle of jewels in its meshes.

"I came to tell you that my appointment has come," he said awkwardly, and involuntarily loosening his clasp on her fingers.

"Thank you," she said withdrawing her hand. "You squeezed my rings too tight." And holding it up in front of her, she rubbed it ostentatiously with the other. George observed the rings in question, and reflected that his Editha's hands had been quite brown, and ringless.

She did not seem disposed to comment upon the news, and still blundering, because he was so miserable, he continued. "Your letters have assured me that you are unchanged, and so I suppose you are ready to fulfill your promise. Are you?"

Editha surveyed him with an altogether new and strange smile playing around her lips. This hesitating awkward lover was not the one to whom she had given her troth, and as she recognized the small fact that he was not even in evening dress, she succumbed to the comparisons, and the evil genius who did daily combat with her guardian angel smiled in triumph. It was no use for her in that moment of slench to throw the blame on him—to flash back to her consciousness that he did her a

wrong in not taking everything for granted—she *knew* she was a traitor.

"If you had believed my assurances, you would not need to ask. You have doubted me—you know you have!" she said in an accusing manner.

"You are not answering my question," he went on, steadfastly. "Will you stay here with this?"—he threw out one hand to indicate the luxurious room, and with the other touched the silken folds of her gown, and the bare round arm, or will you come back to Penniton with me? Decide now and tell me!"

She hesitated, looking down at the fan in her hand, and when she met his gaze again, it was with the eyes of the girl in the scarlet scarf. "George," she said, "if you want me—" she smiled her sweetest up into the intense face looking down into hers—

"God knows I want you," he said simply.

"Well then, if you want me," she went on slowly, "you will have to take me by storm, and carry me away. I am ashamed of myself and I don't really think I want to stay here, but somehow, I can't make up my mind to go to Penniton, and settle down to being an old woman yet awhile—if ever."

He rose at once. "Very well then," he said, "and I do not want you enough to take you in that way. My wife must come to me with her whole heart or I will have no wife at all. You may live on as pleases you best, and I will get back to my work and waste no more time over the matter." He spoke calmly, but his face was full of pain. His words were like a return to his old self confidence, and Editha quick to respond to that which most attracted her in him, rose above the comparisons for a moment.

"George," she said, "do you remember what you said to me, the morning I came away? You said you were trusting the life happiness of us both in my hands."

"It was a silly speech," he interrupted bitterly. "Your hands are too frail—too easily hurt."

"You did squeeze too hard," she said whimsically, but the scale was tipping in his favor, and he had an instant's hope as he saw the softening of the lovely face.

"Mr. Wisner!" announced the servant, throwing open the door. Editha was on her feet in a moment, and as Mr. Wisner came in, elegant, self possessed, correct in every particular, she gave a mental gasp. The spell which had threatened again to bind her was broken, and she succumbed utterly to the comparisons.

She introduced the two men mechanically. If she had taken time to think, she might not even have done that, for her evil self had complete possession, and seven kindred spirits abode with it.

"Oh, what lovely carnations!" she cried, as she took the sheaf of fragrant snowy bloom from Mr. Wisner's hands. "I quite expected them, and as you see, I have no other flowers." She buried her burning face a moment in their cool sweetness.

"Dr. Collier," she said, and the touch of artificiality in her voice and manner was not lost upon him, "I thank you so much, for stopping to tell me the Penniton news, and now that I must go, shall I not call Aunt Sally? You two would interest each other, I have no doubt." She still gazed at the flowers as she asked the question.

"By no means," he answered coolly, "I will barely have time now to catch my train." She still did not look up, but she was painfully aware that he was regarding her with a most exasperating half smiling contempt. She crossed the room, and took up her opera cloak, a long fluffy white thing, with glints of pale blue satin lining, showing in its folds.

"Permit me!" cried Mr. Wisner with suave alertness, and in a moment he was at her side, and adjusting it over the smooth bare shoulders. George standing on the hearthrug with his broad back to the small fire as though seeking its warmth before going out into the cool air of the spring evening, still wore that critical look which had penetrated her downcast lids, and in spite of herself, she had to meet his insistent eyes.

When she did, it was as though she remembered every claim which entitled the VanBrunts to their inordinate pride.

"Good-night!" she said, with an air of extreme condescension. "Shall I have the pleasure of seeing you again soon?"

"Very likely," he replied with a blue flash from his eyes into her brown ones. "The contingency which I mentioned to you the morning you came away—you remember—your pardon, Mr. Wisner," he interrupted himself to say, "You remember Miss VanBrunt? Present indications are that I will be obliged to come to satisfy my mind that all is as it should be."

"I will advise you if I see that your presence is needed." She spoke with an airy little laugh, and turned to Mr. Wisner. Bowing low, George said good-night to both, and went out into the night, scarcely glancing at the carriage standing at the door, so miserable and hurt was he, and yet scarcely disappointed, for he had only been overtaken by his fear.

"We ought never to have been engaged," he said within his heart, "she was too young, too inexperienced to know her own heart, but I thought she would be more loyal than this." He fell to reflecting upon the impulse of savage fealty which had prompted him to declare to her that he would protect her happiness in any event, and fought out a fierce struggle with himself as he tried in vain to separate his own jealous despair from the true feeling which would have to actuate him, if he tried to prevent her going over to the gay world of which he knew so little. He realized at last, that he had assumed too much, and as he strode on with his hands in his pockets, his face grew stern and set. A little negro gamin was shuffling down the street yelling "Goo-goo eyes," but after a glance into the face of the tall man he dodged aside with great dispatch.

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H. L. E. Rhode Island.

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He was a drummer, with traveling manners, the smell of good cigars about him, of countless railroad flirtations, numerous engagements, ready to marry when the girl with the money materialized. She was a young lady of infantile face, silk-lined suit, hat to match, unexceptional boots, mode gloves, and the other half of her seat was the only vacant one in the car.

"Object to talking?" he began. "Not at all," she agreed, pleasantly. "Traveling men have to," he explained.

"Normal condition?" she commented, quizzically.

"On the road so much; dead time if we didn't; don't think anything of speaking to strangers; talk to everybody," he apologized.

"So I imagine," she said demurely. "Spoke to young lady the other day," he went on, twisting his mustache, "turned her head to the window, tried it again and she wouldn't speak, went at it third time and she got up to leave."

"But you left," she interpolated. "Sure! Quick, you bet. You're not that sort?" inquiringly.

"O, no," she laughed, and caught up her handkerchief at the sound of it. Two men were sitting just ahead, talking busily. One of them glanced around, looked at the young man, smiled slightly and recommenced his conversation.

"Somebody you know?" "My daddy," she informed him, after an instant.

" Lucky daddy!" he returned. "About as good as they're made," she sent back.

"You go back and forth every day?" he ventured. "Not so often as that," she replied.

"Then you don't live in town and sleep in the suburbs?" reconnoitering. "O, I live at home," she conceded, understanding him.

"You don't look like 'the sweat of your brow' kind, 'lily of the field' would suit you better." He looked at her admiringly.

"Thank you," she smiled generously, showing some pretty teeth, with plenty of gold fillings and a crown or two.

"Money to burn!" he thought, and looked her over again. Then he gave her some personal information, rambled into business a little and finally produced his card—Francis E. Day—with the firm's name on it.

"Exchange?" he suggested. She promptly hunted in her pocket-book.

"I can't," she regretted, showing the empty compartment "but my name is Estella VanDerwent, and my home is at 11 Marchmont Street, Brookline.

"May I take the address?" he requested, producing a notebook. "Certainly," she consented, her eyes twinkling.

"Made some of the pleasantest acquaintances of my life on the road," he resumed, dropping the notebook into a breast pocket. "Gave up sleeper once to Canadian lady, husband overwhelmed me with thanks, sealskin gloves at Christmas, and so forth, no end of kindness; never go to hotel in Montreal."

"That was an acquaintance worth making," she rippled.

"Awful pretty way with her," he reflected. "Going to let me call on you?" he hazarded.

"Yes, indeed," she consented, gleefully. "Always at home Wednesday evenings."

"I've fallen in love with you," he asserted boldly, bestowing another admiring look.

"Aren't you a little previous?" she quizzed merrily, her eyes dancing.

"I'm no snail," he retorted. "Haste makes waste," she warned gayly.

"Faint heart!" he began quoting. "Boston, Boston, leave no parcels in the car," called the brakeman for the second time.

Coats and overcoats were pulled on and shrugged into, headwear and handwear adjusted, bags pulled down and parcels picked up, and the crowd got into the aisle, ready to bolt.

"Can't you and I make it up?" he whispered, just behind one ear, position begetting audacity.

"What do you take me for?" she flung back saucily.

"Just the girl for me," almost at door. The two men were just in front of her, still busily talking. One of them held out his hand to help her down, still talking. "Daddy," she called. The older man turned.

"My father, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Day," she introduced. Mr. Day shook hands jubilantly.

"And my husband, Mr. VanDerwent," she added, turning to the other.—*Boston Post.*

To Make a Scriptural Cake.

"Search the Scriptures!" a lady was heard to observe in Catonsville car, coming into town. "I have searched the Scriptures this morning from cover to cover and until I was blue in the face, and what do you think I did it for? To find the recipe for a cake!"

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1 cup of Judges, v, 25, last clause.
2 cups of Jeremiah, vi, 20.
2 cups I Samuel, xxx, 12.
2 cups of Nahum, iii, 12.
2 cups of Numbers, xvii, 8.
3 tablespoonfuls of I Samuel, xiv, 25.
A pinch of Leviticus, ii, 13.
6 Jeremiah, xvii, 11.
½ cup of Judges, iv, 19, last clause.
2 teaspoonfuls of Amos, iv, 5.
Season to taste of II Chronicles, ix, 9.

"Now," she resumed, "I have had that thing in my possession until I have grown to hate the very sight of it. First I thought it would be fun to look it up and put it on my dressing table. Then I got tired seeing it there and it drifted to the sewing basket. Next I kept it in the machine drawer to measure the hem for curtains. Finally I threw it in the waste paper basket, but the maid spied it and returned it to me as something of value. In desperation I decided to be haunted no more but look up the exasperating thing and have done with it. This morning I have looked it up; here is the recipe and I mean to lose the original card before I return home this day."

And she laid it maliciously down on the seat opposite her and deliberately got out of the car, leaving it to haunt some one else, but she also left the key to the puzzle, which, being interpreted, readeth as follows:

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Brought the world—oh, long ago—
The first "Merry Christmas!"

The Dearest Month.

(Class Recitation).

Oh! who can tell the brightest month,
The dearest and the best?
We really think December is
The crown of all the rest.
For that's the happy month that brings
The Christmas joy and mirth,
And tells us of the little Child
Who came from Heaven to earth.

December.

"Three good cheers for old December!
Month of Christmas trees and toys,
Hanging up a million stockings,
For a million girls and boys.
O, dear December, hurry on;
Oh, please—oh, please, come quick;
Bring snow so white,
Bring fires so bright,
And bring us good Saint Nick."

Winter.

Little fairy snowflakes
Dancing in the flue,
Old Mr. Santa Claus
What is keeping you?
Twilight and frelight,
Shadows come and go,
Merry chime of sleigh bells
Jingling through the snow.
Mother's knitting stockings,
Pussy's got the ball,
Don't you think that winter's
Pleasanter than all?

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The Stocking.

(For little children with stockings).
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Is the best for you and for me.

What the Stockings Say.

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Tonight we carry candy!
Christmas comes but once a year
And then we are so handy!

Boots and little tired shoes—
We kick 'em off in glee—
It is fun to hang up here
And Santa Claus to see.

Christmas morning down we come—
And sweet things tumble out,
Then we carry toes again,
And have to trot about.

Poor Santa Claus.

I saved my cake for Santa Claus
One Christmas eve at tea;
For if riding makes one hungry,
How hungry he must be!

I put it on the chimney shelf,
Where he'd be sure to go—
I think it does a person good
To be remembered so.

When every one was fast asleep,
(Every one but me),
I tiptoed into mamma's room—
Oh! just as still—to see

If he had been there yet. Deary me!
It made my feelings ache—
There sat a mizzable little mouse
Eating Santa's cake!

Caroline H. Condit.

Christmas Eve.

God bless the little stockings all over
The land tonight
Hung in the choicest corners, in the
glory of crimson light.
The tiny scarlet stockings, with a hole in
the heel and toe,
Worn by the wonderful journeys that the
darlings have to go.
And Heaven pity the children, wherever
their homes may be,
Who wake at the first gray dawning, an
empty stocking to see.

My Dolly.

(For a tiny girl with a big wax doll)
There was a dear dolly who came in my
stocking,
One night when to earth many dollies
were flocking,
Her gown was of rose, she'd ruffles and
bows,
From her soft yellow curls to her wee
slipped toes.
But she hasn't a name—now isn't it
shocking?
The dear little dolly who came in my
stocking.

Elizabeth May.

(Little girl holds dolly lovingly as she speaks).

Oh! this is the sweetest dolly!
Her name is 'Elizabeth May.
I'm just in love with the darling,
But I mean to give her away.

I know a dear little girlie,
Her name is Dorothy Gray.
She never has had any Christmas!
Her mamma's too poor they say.

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My Stocking.

They put me in a great spare bed,
And there they made me sleep;
I must not stir, I must not wake,
I must not even peep;
Right opposite that lonely bed
My Christmas stocking hung;
While near it, waiting for the morn,
My Sunday clothes were hung.
I counted softly to myself,
To ten, and ten times ten,
And went through all the alphabet,
And then began again;
I repeated that Third Reader piece—
A poem called "Repose,"
And tried a dozen other ways
To fall into a doze—
When suddenly the room grew light,
I heard a soft, strong bound—
'Twas Santa Claus, I felt quite sure,
But dared not look around.
'Twas nice to know that he was there,
And things were going rightly,
And so I took a little nap,
And tried to smile politely.
"Ho! Merry Christmas!" cried a voice;
I felt the bed a-rocking;
'Twas daylight—Brother Bob was up!
And oh! that splendid stocking!

Telephone Recitation.

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If he is "right up to date."
I wonder if I can talk to him;
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To talk with the dear old soul?)
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And coming fast this way?"
Mrs. Santa Claus! Will you tell me,
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If he took a lot of toys?
"He did!" All right. That will be good
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And say! Were there any skates and sleds
And hockeyes and bats and balls?
And were there any picture-books
And dishes, games and dolls?
"A lot!" That's good. And did you see
A bicycle or a gun?
"A dozen or more?" Oh my! Oh my!
"And foot balls, too?" What fun!
What's that you say? "He's back again
To take another load
And then he'll surely start right off,
He'll soon be on the road?"
How soon will he to our town come?
Will you answer quickly, pray?
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Since earth is all in ermine clad,
Hushed are the gurgling streams
That made the flowery summer glad
With songs and sparkling gleams;
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Sweet are the joys of winter days
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Cooked Fondant.

Two pounds granulated sugar; one teacupful of hot water and half teacupful of cream of tartar, cook together until it threads between thumb and finger, when done pour into buttered dish, stir till creamy, when cool enough to handle work with the hands, form into shapes desired, flavor and color to suit tastes.

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Boil together without stirring, until it threads; two cups of granulated sugar, half cupful of water and one-third teacupful of cream of tartar, flavor with teacupful of vanilla or orange extract, remove from fire and beat until white, add teacupful of nut meats, pour into buttered dish and when cool cut into squares.


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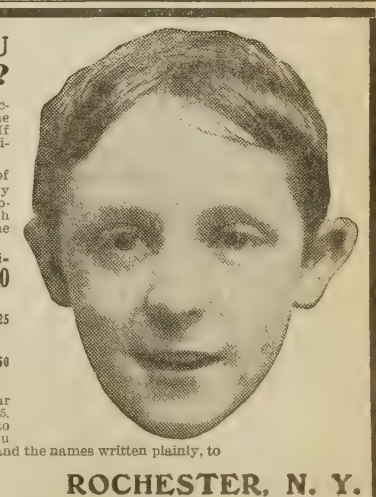
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The Christmas Fellowship of Miss Mab

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At 7 o'clock she put Maltie in his bed down cellar; afterward she dressed and started for prayer meeting. Two or three friends stopped to speak to her. They decided she was in an absent mood, for she did not seem to know what they were talking about. Miss Mab had only one thought in her mind, and it seemed to rhyme with the hymn, it mingled with the short discourse and prayer. It had only one tenor; she was longing to have the minister settle a momentous question for her. It seemed as if all the congregation lingered to talk with him after prayer meeting. That night once or twice he held out a welcoming hand, but she evaded it; she could not seek his advice until she was alone. At last everybody was gone but herself. The young clergyman came forward genially.

"I wanted to speak to you just a minute, Mr. Pierce," she said nervously. "I came for advice. I live alone, you know, an' I want to give some other folks who are kind of lonesome a bit of Christmas comfort an' fellowship an' a good dinner."

"I know nothing more befitting the spirit of Christmas," said the clergyman, cordially; "it is following the very teachings of our Master."

"I'd like to tell you, though, who it is," said Miss Mab eagerly; "it's a little girl who lives across the street in a great noisy, desolate boarding house. She has to bring her father, for he's all she has. They seem to be terribly devoted to each other. I reckon he's a widower—though I don't know. I've never spoken a word to either of 'em yet. I thought you'd tell me whether 'twould be proper or not?" Miss Mab's plump rosy face flushed almost scarlet.

The clergyman did not smile, but there was a twinkle in his dark eyes while he gazed straight into Miss Mab's anxious face.

"There can be no question of the propriety, Miss Mab," he said earnestly. "In your kindness of heart you could make no mistake."

Miss Mab took his proffered hand warmly. "Thank you," she said; "thank you so much!"

Next day she watched for the little girl, who did not appear till about half past 4, and then she came out to hop nimbly up and down the flight of stone steps. Miss Mab threw a shawl over her head and crossed the snowy street. She had a gracious way with children which readily reached their hearts. The shyness of the child disappeared while Miss Mab delivered a nervous invitation. "You'll remember," she said gently, "what I want you to do. Jest whisper to your father when he picks you up at the street corner that a lonely old woman who lives across the street wishes a bit of Christmas fellowship, an' if you an' he haven't anything else planned she invites you to come and dine with her to-morrow. I'll watch for you to come back an' if you wave your hand I'll know you'll come. You can remember?"

"I'll remember," answered the little girl. She spoke gravely, but there was an eager light in her eyes. "I'm sure we'll come. Papa and me was talking about Christmas last night and wishing we were back in the country because there were homes there where we would have been invited. We don't know anybody here yet except boarding house folks. I've wanted so to get acquainted with your kitty, but I didn't dare come over."

"You dear little soul!" said Miss Mab warmly; "you shan't have any more lonesome days if I can help it."

Miss Mab watched anxiously the meeting at the corner. The child did not nestle her head on her father's shoulder, as was her custom; she was talking to him eagerly and pointing across the street to the little brick house set in the midst of a garden. She did not wave her answer. Miss Mab's heart began to beat tumultuously when she saw the tall man come striding across the street through the snow. She threw the door open before he knocked. He bowed courteously.

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"'Twas a bold thing to do, invitin' strangers this way," said Miss Mab apologetically. The scarlet blushes were chasing each other across her cheerful face. "I didn't say anything about the little girl's mother because I didn't just know—" She stopped hesitatingly.

"Cynthia's mother died when she was three days old," said the man, slowly; "she has had to grow up with hardly anybody to care for her but her father. He isn't quite as good as a mother would be, is he, dearest?"

"He's pretty nearly as good," whispered the child, stroking the careworn face.

"Land sake!" cried Miss Mab, with a strange choking sob; "land sake, it is hard lines when the father has to do the motherin' too!"

"We are very happy together, aren't we, Cynthia?" The child nodded emphatically.

"The worst is her loneliness, only she will be going to school pretty soon; and our Christmas is assured. I cannot thank you cordially enough, madam, both for Cynthia and myself. We will be delighted to come." The child waved a goodnight as they crossed the street and Miss Mab wiped her eyes furtively when she sat down in her big rocking chair.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," she said to herself; "somehow, it seems to bring such warm comfort into your own life."

Until midnight the light shone in the little kitchen. Miss Mab hovered between a cook book and the stove, while the gray cat followed noiselessly.

"We've got to have plum puddin', haven't we?" questioned his mistress. "You'd ought to set American fashions aside when you're entertainin' an English gentleman. My! I do hope my puddin' will be a success an' I do hope, too, he'll relish the punkin pie. I'll be terrible disappointed if he don't."

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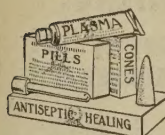
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When your ink you spill in your hurry,
And your temper from hot gets to hotter,
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If you'll simply make use of this blotter.

With purse containing a luck penny—

'Tis empty of dollars and dimes,
'Tis empty of all but a penny,
These are, alas, pretty hard times
Be glad that I send to you any!

With a stock collar—

Stocks are going up,
So they say;
Chokers are the latest
On Broadway.

With a tea-cup—

A Happy Christmas and a merry one,
And many of them too;
And in the coming years,
For me and you the cup that cheers.

With a pen-wiper—

Behold me spotlessly clean,
With never a speck as you see,
But wait till that wretched pen,
Wipes himself clean on me.

With bonbon-box—

"Sweets to the sweet,"
More true than this,
No saying is,
I'll warrant you,
Would say so too,
If you but knew,
Both as I do.

With sachet bag—

This dainty, little, silken, scented thing,
All the perfumes of Araby to you will bring.

With pack of cards—

Now why be sad
Or down in the dumps,
When love holds sway,
And hearts are trumps?

With a box of holly—

May these holly berries bring good cheer,
Emblems of a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

With a pin cushion—

Pins and needles, needles and pins,
The minute I see them, my trouble begins.
Of all sorts and sizes,
Both fancy and plain,
They are jabbed in and stabbed in,
Again and again.

With a booklet containing selected recipes—

Here's a book,
For a cook,
Just a look, will set you pining,
And you'll ache,
To try a cake;
Who, pray, isn't fond of dining?

With a match-scratcher—

Don't scratch your match upon the wall,
Or you'll catch it.
Here's a scratcher, here's the place,
To scratch it.

With a mirror—

Reflections of a pretty maid,
In here you'll find,
Make use of it, be not afraid,
'Tis ever to you kind!

With a waste basket—

Odds and ends of scraps and things,
Bits of paper and pieces of strings,
Envelopes, letters, too, perhaps,
A regular medley of worthless scraps.

With a candle and holder—

"The longer it goes the shorter it grows,
Do you doubt?

So to save your light, don't burn it at night,
But let it go out.

With a dainty holder—

Here is something, I'm thinking, all house-wives need,
'Tis a saving of temper and hands indeed.

With a pair of mittens—

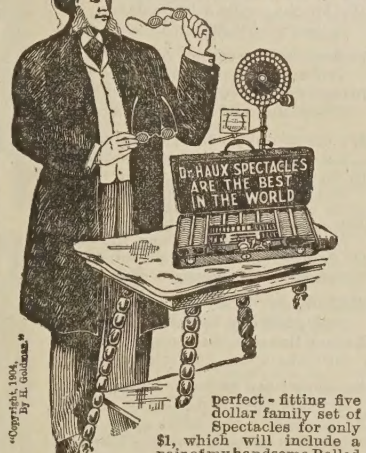
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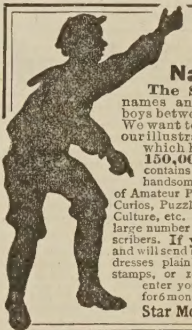
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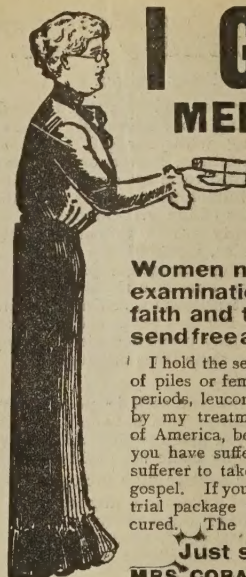
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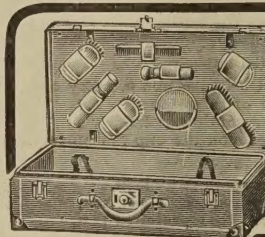
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The Household.

(Continued from page eleven.)

There were those of delicate feature
Of gentle breeding and race;
But the queer little bent old woman's
Was the only Christmas face.

With shame from my own I hastened
To smooth the impatience and frown,
As I looked at Santa Claus' sister,
In her faded threadbare gown.

And I blessed both the child and the
woman
For their Christmas sermon sweet,
As I pressed through the throng of
shoppers
And on in the crowded street.

Sand Bags.

BY R. E. M.

Sand bags of various kinds are useful about the house and are easily made. The white sea sand is the nicest to use but common sand, well washed and dried, will answer the purpose equally well.

A sand bag made of close woven cotton cloth will not leak and may be of any shape to suit the purpose for which it is intended. As sand holds heat a considerable time such bags are admirable for a cold night instead of a soapstone. They fit around the feet so nicely that many prefer them to any other warming agent. Have a flannel cover to slip the bag into after it has been heated in the oven. When riding in the cold have a large one for the feet and a smaller one for the hands. Pieces of wool dress goods make good covers.

A long round bag to lay before an out side door which lets the wind sweep under it, will keep the feet of the inmates very comfortable. It may be covered with a piece of carpet like that on the floor or a piece of wool goods may be colored with diamond dye to correspond with the prevailing tone of the carpet or room.

A sand roll to lay across the music book to keep it open on the piano is very convenient. Take a piece of plush or velvet four inches wide and nine inches long and sew the long edges together. Gather one end, slip in a sand bag made to fit, then gather the other end and finish with a plush ball at each end. The words "I'll keep your place," may be painted zig-zag on the roll with diamond gold paint.

The toy cats and dogs printed on cloth to be cut out and made up, may be stuffed with sand instead of cotton and used to set against the door to keep it open.

The Kitchen Library.

BY EMILY H. WATSON.

The idea is not incongruous. What if the busy housewife must spend two-thirds of her time in the kitchen, must she, on that account, forego the pleasure derived from books and papers?

Indeed, it is important that some reading be intermingled with the daily round of household cares; the monotony and dull routine will thus be avoided. There are many minutes in the course of the day when one's presence in the kitchen is a necessity, when there is yet time for quiet rest.

A plain comfortable rocker, with a few well-chosen books and papers, render these fragmentary minutes periods of genuine refreshment and enjoyment.

A neat shelf, protected by a curtain and placed in convenient position, may be kept filled with papers, magazines and books of such nature as will admit of reading by piecemeal.

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Items of Interest.

The film of a soap-bubble is the
 2,500,000th part of an inch in thickness.
 The United States uses nearly a third
 more coffee than all the rest of the
 world put together.

A piece of raw beef weighing 100
 pounds after being roasted weighs only
 sixty-seven and one-half pounds.

The Japanese are noted for long noses;
 therefore they are considered a mark of
 beauty. A Japanese girl with an un-
 usually prominent nose is considered a
 belle.

The telephone can no longer be legally
 used by German physicians in dictating
 prescriptions to druggists, because of the
 chances of fatal misunderstandings.

Broad-headed horses are the cleverest.
 In cavalry regiments it has been noticed
 that horses with broad foreheads learn
 their drill more rapidly than the others.

In Cairo at the present time there is
 an endowment in operation founded ex-
 pressly for the lodging and feeding of
 homeless cats.

A freshly cut slice of pineapple laid
 on beefsteak will, in a comparatively
 short time, cause softening, swelling and
 partial digestion of the meat for a con-
 siderable depth from the surface.

Yorkshire, England, has a farm on
 which moths and butterflies are reared
 for sale. It is planted with trees and
 shrubs for the purpose. Forty thousand
 caterpillars are always on hand and orders
 can be filled at any time of the year.

Of all the birds, the humming-bird,
 when young, is said to be the most easily
 tamed. They are much more docile and
 teachable than canaries and other song-
 birds.

The smallest inhabited island in the
 world is that on which the Eddystone
 lighthouse stands. At low water it is
 thirty feet in diameter, at high water
 the base of the lighthouse, the diameter
 of which is twenty-eight and three-
 quarters feet, is completely covered by
 the waves.

Mosaic floors, laid with small pieces
 of different colored stones set in regular
 patterns, were known to the Egyptians
 2,300 B. C. In Babylon floors of this
 kind date from 1100 B. C.

The biggest lump of coal ever dug out
 of the earth was that raised from one of
 the Wigan collieries. It took nine
 months to hew it out of the seam, and it
 weighed over twelve tons.

Greece is overrun by well educated
 men who do not know how to earn a
 living. The country swarms with doctors
 who have no patients and lawyers who
 have no briefs, while laborers to till the
 soil are at a premium.

The Turkana tribesmen, of Africa, are
 said to have a curious system of tattooing
 by which one can tell the number of
 people a man has killed. When the body
 is covered with marks from the shoulder
 to the waist, the warrior continues the
 record on the bodies of his wives.

In Japanese prisons the punishment
 known as water torture is often resorted to.
 The prisoner is confined in a closet
 too small for him to stir. While he
 stands, water, one drop at a time, is al-
 lowed to fall from a faucet on his head.
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 ment longer than four days.

The muff when first introduced was
 the exclusive property of the nobility,
 and originated in Venice. These muffs
 were very small, and consisted of a single
 piece of velvet, brocade or silk, lined
 with fur, and the openings fastened with
 rich jewels. Such arrangements came
 in during the early part of the seven-
 teenth century, but in the previous cen-
 tury the ladies frequently carried a piece
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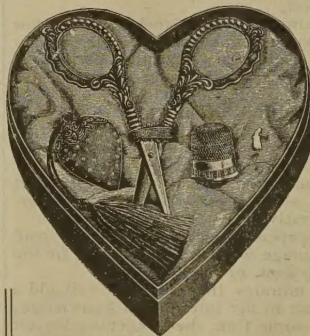
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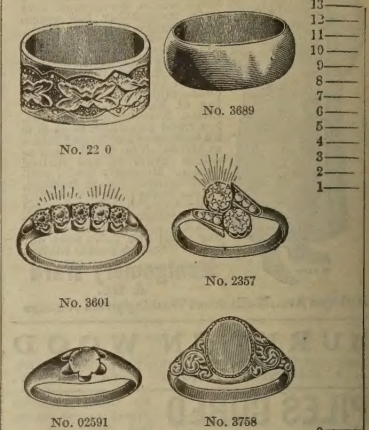
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